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 winners 1979-80
 runners up 1980-81

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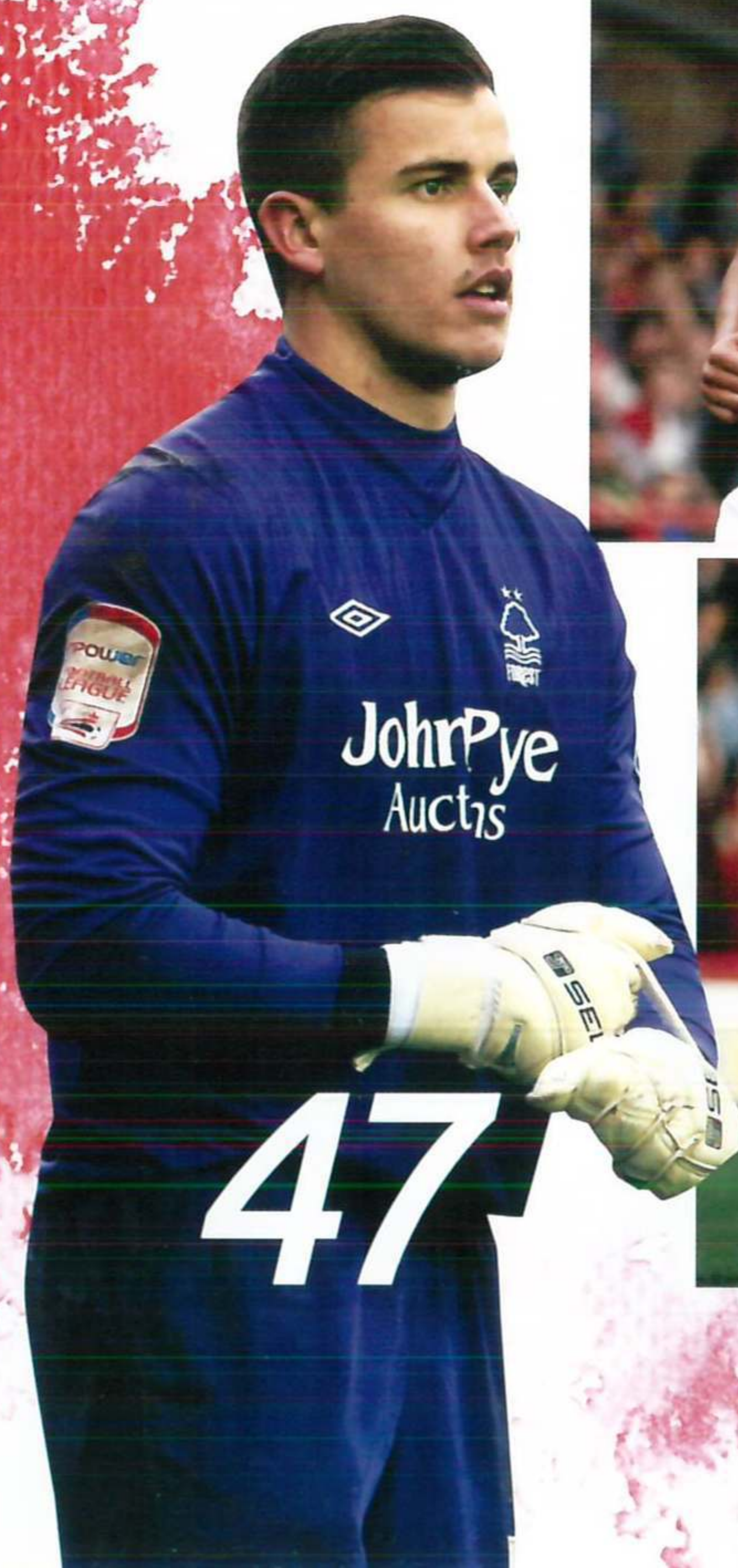
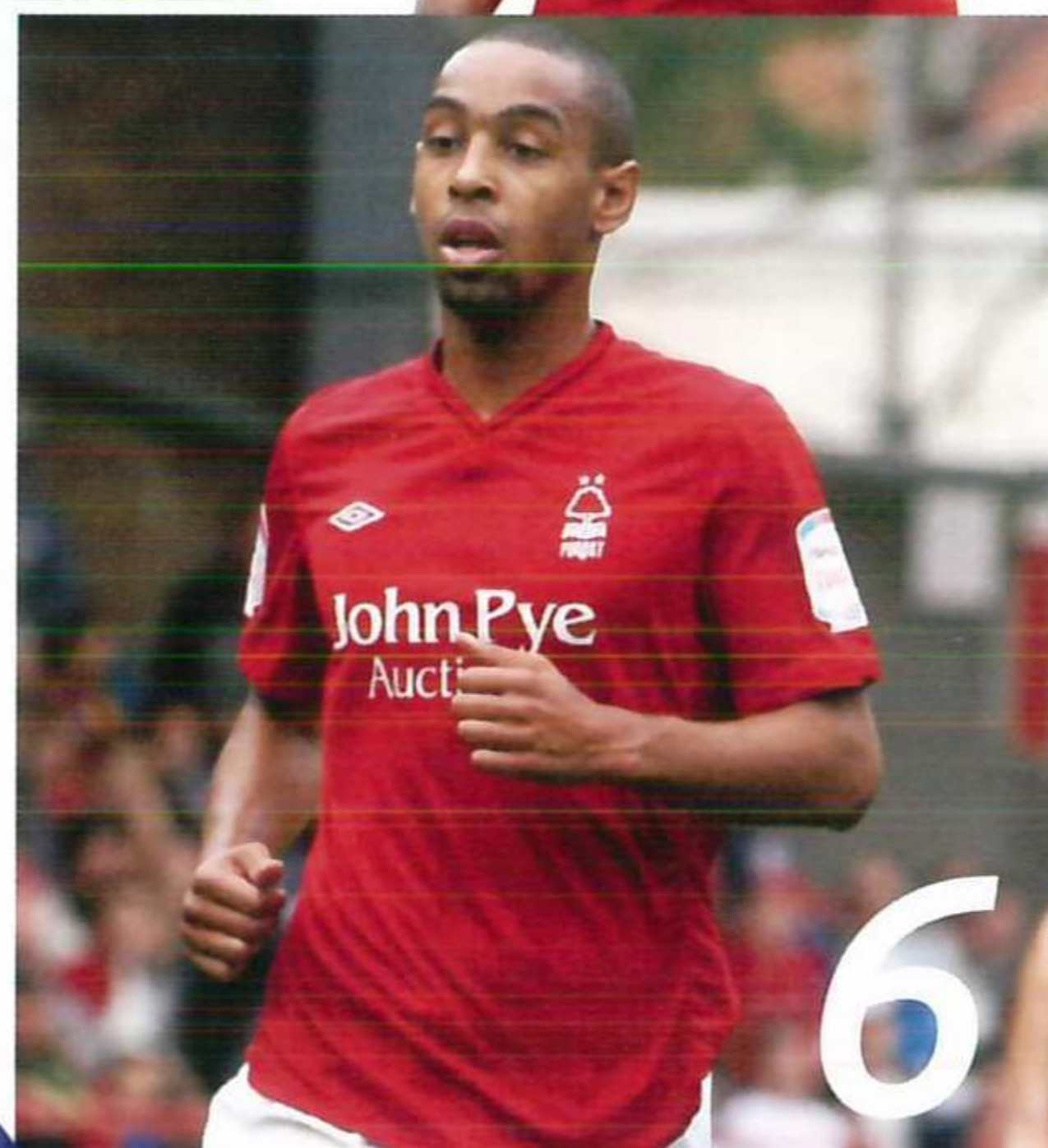
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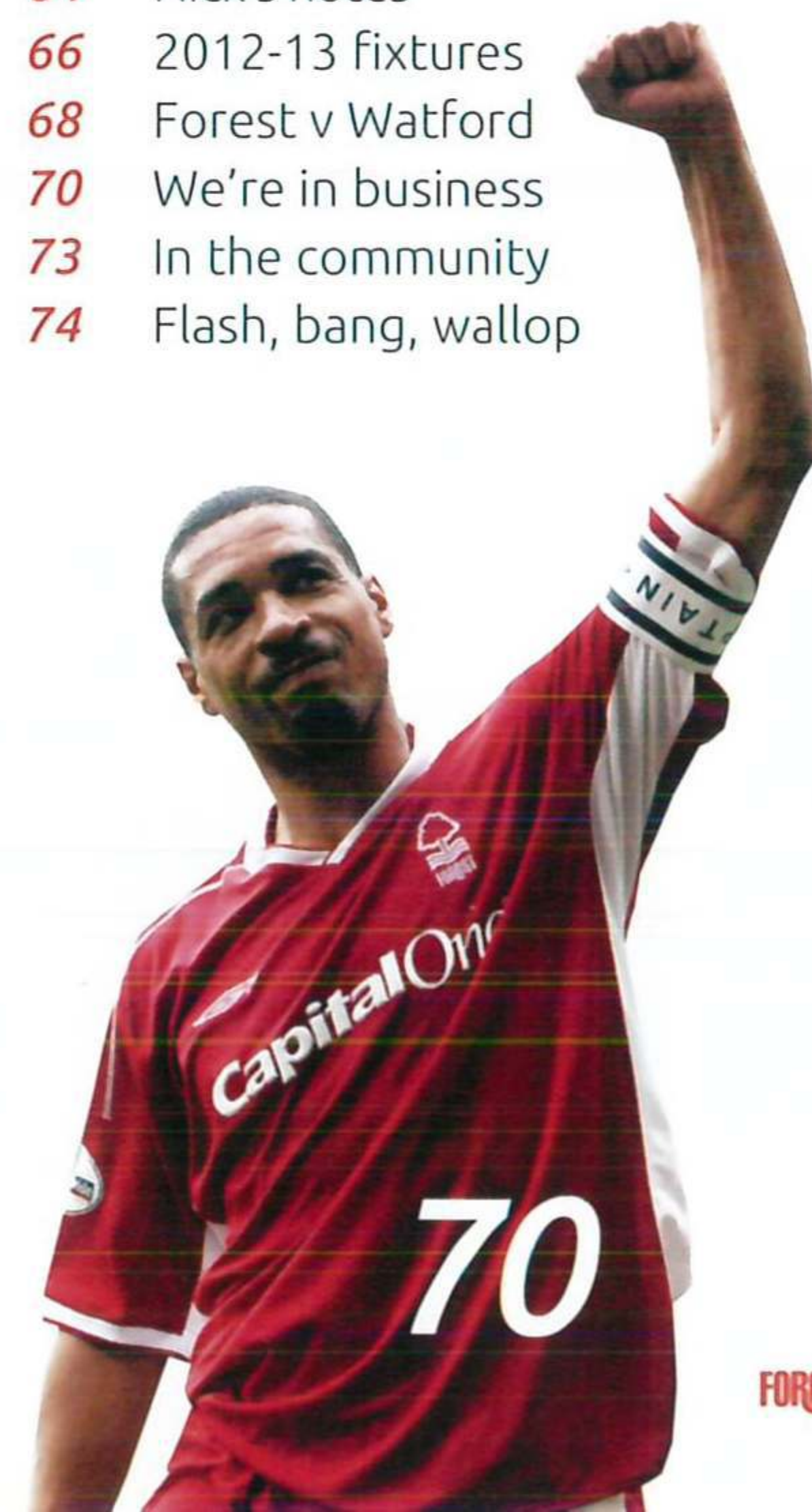
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"From the first time I spoke to Fawaz I have been overwhelmed by his determination to put this club where you feel it belongs – back in the Premier League."



Hello again!

I would like to start off by thanking you all for the marvellous welcome back I have experienced in Nottingham this week.

I always knew that Forest supporters had a level of loyalty running through their blood to match that of any fans in the country.

It was something that greatly endeared me to the club in my first spell here but the reception I have had over the last five days even exceeds that tremendously warm feeling I was able to enjoy first time around.

I've gone on record many, many times as saying that I have got "unfinished business" here at The City Ground but I've got "unfinished relationships" as well.

I loved working for you before and trying to make your dreams come true and my staff and I will do everything in our power to bring the success you crave back to the club.

It won't be easy to do it quickly because, as you know, we are well into the second half of the season and have a sizeable gap to bridge in the remaining 15 games.

But what we have before us is a 15-match season in which we will endeavour to take as many points as possible and see where it takes us.

There is lots of hard work ahead of us but I think you know me by now. I like a challenge and we'll give it our best shot over the next three months.

I would do that whatever the job I was taking on but I would like to tell you why I have turned down other opportunities and then jumped at the chance of returning to The City Ground.

I can't tell you how impressed I have been with the enthusiasm, vision and sheer passion to succeed that comes from your chairman Fawaz Al Hasawi.

From the first time I spoke to him I have been overwhelmed by his determination to put this club where you feel it belongs – back in the Premier League.

He wants to leave no stone unturned in his efforts to do that and being the kind of person I am, it was music to the ears when he spelt out his hopes and plans for the club that also means so much to me.

With his backing – both financial and otherwise – I firmly believe we can go places and achieve what we came so close to doing in 2010 and 2011.

As you know we fell just short of the big prize in those seasons but one way or another I will strive every sinew in my body to make it happen.

There have, of course been changes since I left nearly two years ago but I believe there is a quality in the current squad... a squad that will be given every opportunity to prove itself.

It's a time for individuals to step forward – as well as the team as a whole – and show that they have the desire to get this club back into the top flight of English football.

It's for me to galvanise the players and bring the best out of them but they can gain enormous help and self belief from the support that pours down from the stands at The City Ground.

It's easy to trot out the clichés about fans being the '12th man' and so on but I know from my own experience what it is like for visiting teams coming here to find the place rocking. It's an intimidating proposition, I can tell you.

It used to bring the hairs up on the back of my neck to hear this place in full voice and that's what I need from you as we set out on a challenge that I intend to win.

Give us everything and in return we'll do our very best to turn those seemingly eternal dreams of Forest fans into a glorious reality.

Back to the future

Dexter Blackstock had a serious case of déjà vu when Billy Davies stepped on the training ground on Monday

Dexter Blackstock could have been forgiven for thinking he had turned time traveller when he arrived at our training complex to start preparing for today's visit of Bolton Wanderers.

Monday heralded the dawn of a new era as Billy Davies took charge of us for the second time in his managerial career.

He checked back in at The City Ground with three members of staff who worked with him first time around in Ned Kelly, Pete Williams and Julian Darby.

And Blackstock admits the sight of the quartet back on the training ground brought a reassuring and familiar feel to proceedings.

The striker is one of six current first team squad members to have served under Davies in his initial spell at the club and admits: "It seems exactly the same as it was when the gaffer was here first time around.

"But when you think about it, he's brought his staff back with him, the medical staff are the same, the kit men are the same and other people behind the scenes are the same.

"Okay, the playing staff may have altered quite a bit but even elements of that, like myself, were here last time around and the bulk of the training ground is exactly the same as when he left.

"It does seem quite surreal that we're back to how it was before but I'm not complaining – I'm really enjoying it.

"The training has been how I remember it. Myself and other lads who were here before knew what Billy would expect and what he would demand. We haven't been disappointed.

"The players who didn't know how he worked are familiar with it now after just a few sessions.

"His sessions are very high tempo and he demands a lot from every player."

We will attempt to bring the curtain down on a memorable week in style this afternoon against a Bolton side searching for the same formula for success as ourselves.

Blackstock explains: "It has been an indifferent season and we haven't found the consistency we all wanted but we're still there in the mix.

"There's no doubt that everyone at this club is pushing to try and sneak into the play-offs.

"We know that games are running out and we have to get going very soon and that's our plan.

"It will be a great atmosphere against Bolton. The fact that Billy is back will add spice to the game but we just want to concentrate on trying to get three points.

"I know it's a cliché but we need to take one game at a time.

"We need to try and put together a little run but we can't afford to start looking too long-term.

"First and foremost it's all about Bolton, then Huddersfield on Tuesday and then the trip to Charlton next Saturday and with a three-game week the league table can alter pretty quickly."

While returning boss Davies has been the centre of attention this week, Blackstock's decision to pledge his long-term future to the club propelled him into the local headlines last month.

The former QPR man signed a new four-and-a-half year deal and insists: "It's good to know what I'm doing in the long-term.

"When I first joined the club I signed a four-year deal and there were a lot of players who had also signed long-term deals.

"I don't think it's any coincidence that we had the most successful period since I've been at the club because there was so much stability and people knew they were going to be part of what Billy was trying to achieve.

"We had stability and that's something we need to get back to throughout the club, the manager, the staff, the players and really give Billy time to mould us into what he wants us to be.

"We've had a couple of managers who haven't really had time to put their stamp on the club and hopefully Billy will now get that chance."

"We know that games are running out and we have to get going very soon and that's our plan."





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Kicking off a new chapter

Dear friends,

A big welcome to The City Ground to everyone who's joined us this afternoon. I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Bolton fans who've travelled to Forest this afternoon – thank you for coming. And I'd like to say a particularly big 'hello' and 'thank you' to our wonderful Forest fans here today.

This is a hugely exciting time for the club. Today marks the first game with our new manager Billy Davies in charge. It's a whole new start for Forest; the beginning of a new era for the club.

Billy is a great manager – the best in the Championship – and I'm thrilled that he's come back to Forest.

Billy's spoken of 'unfinished business' and wanting to take Forest back where they belong. I'm right behind him, and I know you are too. We'll give Billy all the support in the world as he works his magic with the team.

The reaction to Billy's appointment this week has been very heartening. I've been delighted and quite humbled by how pleased all our fans are that he's back at Forest. It's great to know that not only have we got the best manager around, but the most popular one!

I've loved Nottingham Forest since I was a young boy, and I remember so clearly when the Forest side came over to Kuwait to play... the excitement of seeing those great players has always stayed with me. Being chairman of Nottingham Forest is a dream come true, and I want to do the very best to get this club back to its former glory. It can take a while to get everything right, but I firmly believe that we're on absolutely the right track now, and that the future is looking very bright.

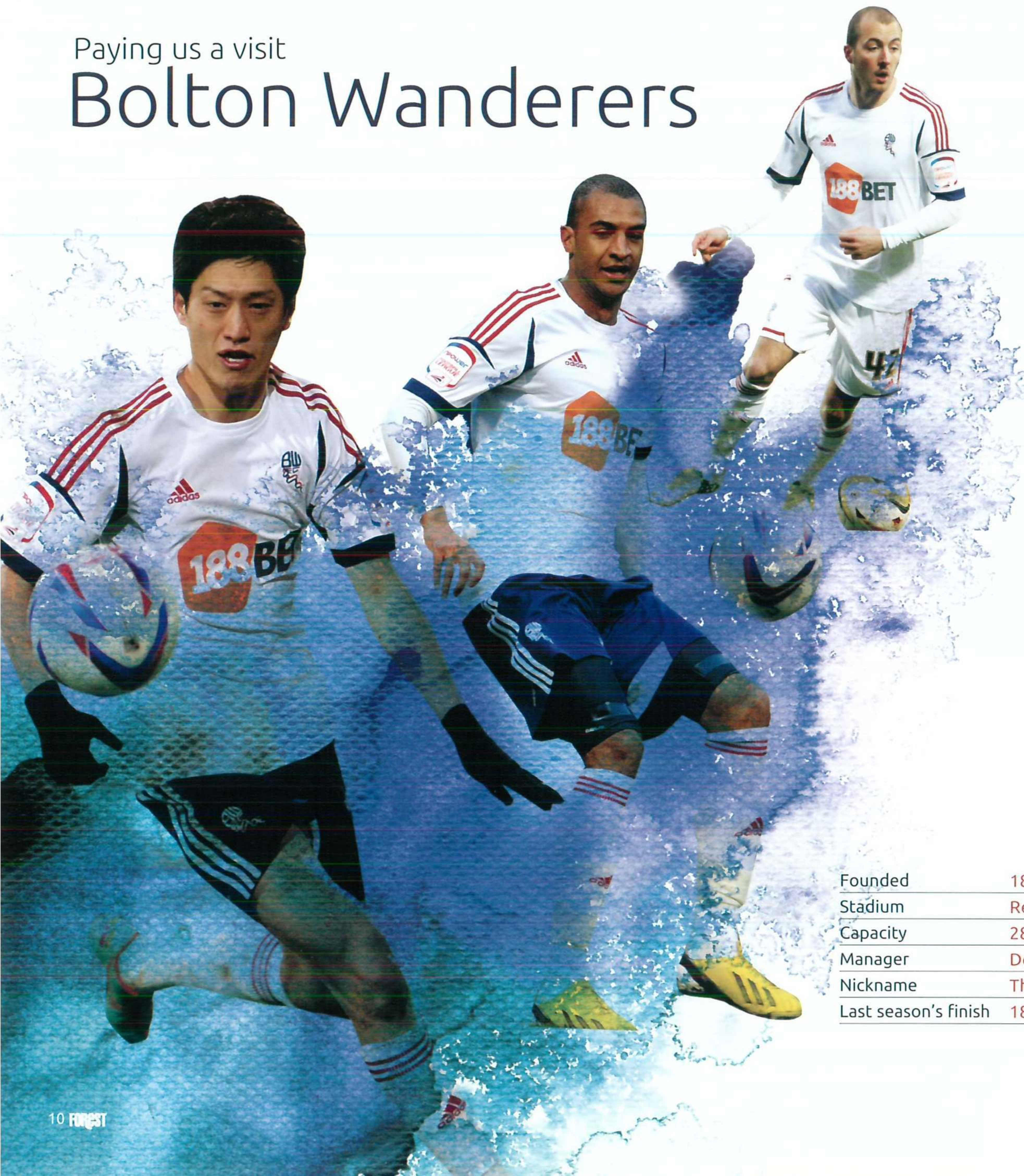
I wish Billy and the team every success today. We're all behind you, Billy. Let's get this team back where it belongs!



Fawaz Al Hasawi

Paying us a visit

Bolton Wanderers



Founded	1874
Stadium	Reebok Stadium
Capacity	28,723
Manager	Dougie Freedman
Nickname	The Trotters
Last season's finish	18th/Premiership (R)



It's not been the most comfortable of seasons for Bolton Wanderers as they came to terms with dropping out of the top flight of English football.

Their problems came to a head in October when Owen Coyle departed as manager to be replaced by our former striker Dougie Freedman.

The battle for stability has still faced Wanderers over the last three months but there is a feeling around The Reebok that the club is gradually finding the form that will erase any concerns over the remaining weeks of the season.

They are currently three points above the bottom four but they have lost only one of their last four Championship games – to inform Watford at Vicarage Road – and they were boosted last weekend by a victory over one of their arch rivals.

Bolton had to come from behind to beat Lancashire neighbours Burnley 2-1 but they did so with second half substitutes Craig Davies and David Ngog getting the vital goals.

It was a win that delighted Freedman – not least because, for once, they got what they deserved.

He said: "We performed fantastically well and over the last four or five matches we have been very unlucky with results.

"The route to success I believe is to continue to work hard and prepare the best we can.

"This is a group of players that have got the bit between their teeth. The way we have played over the last three games shows that and I believe that we will continue to get better.

"It was a good team effort against Burnley. We stuck at it and were very determined to get the result. We had to dig deep – we did that and we deserved to win.

"Burnley were technically good throughout the 90 minutes and have a group of talented players but we kept them quiet and dealt with their threat."

One of the biggest problems confronting Freedman is the sight of several key players in the Reebok treatment room – but that is a situation that appears to be rapidly improving.

The likes of Mark Davies, David Wheater, Stuart Holden and Matt Mills have all been missing from first team action and their loss has been difficult to deal with.

But Wheater and Davies could come into contention for today's game and the return of Holden would give Bolton a tremendous boost.

Holden, whose qualities are well respected in and outside of the club, has been out of action for some time and although his comeback is being handled very sensitively, there is optimism that he could return sooner rather than later.

He has figured in three behind-closed-doors friendlies and although Freedman will be anxious not to rush him back, the signs are good.

Bolton have also added depth to their squad by making inroads into the loan market in recent times.

Craig Dawson made his first start in the Burnley game after joining the club from West Brom and turned in a man-of-the-match display.

And Steven de Ridder, recruited from Southampton on loan, also turned in an impressive performance against Sean Dyche's men.

Freedman also made a permanent addition to his squad with the signing of 25 year old Sierra Leone international Medo Kamara before the transfer deadline.

Kamara, who was recruited from Partizan Belgrade, has not played a competitive game since November because of the Serbian League's winter break but he's been working on his fitness and Wanderers fans are keen to get their first glimpse of a player who is determined to make the most of his opportunity to play in England.

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IN THE TECHNICAL AREA

Manager: Dougie Freedman

Born: Glasgow

Date of birth: May 25 1974

Clubs played for:

Barnet, Crystal Palace, Wolves, Nottingham Forest, Palace, Leeds (loan), Southend.



Clubs managed:

Crystal Palace, Bolton Wanderers

Highlight as player:

Scoring 21 goals in the 2001-02 season and earning a Scotland call-up.



Highlight as a manager:

Taking Palace into promotion contention in the early months of this season – he was Championship manager of the month for September.

It's a fact: He scored 23 goals in 83 appearances for us between August 1998 and October 2000.





1 Adam Bogdan

Age 25 Apps 53 Gl's 0

G

Over the last 18 months the Hungarian keeper has established himself as No. 1 choice for both club and country. He signed for Bolton from Hungarian side Vasas in 2007 as understudy to Jussi Jaaskelainen and since the Finnish star moved to West Ham, Bogdan has been a model of consistency as Bolton's last line of defence.

3 Marcos Alonso

Age 22 Apps 19 Gl's 3

D

The talented Spanish full back, who can also operate on the left hand side of midfield, has overcome an injury-hit season in 2011-12 to show his class in Wanderers' back four. He was signed from Real Madrid, where he made one senior appearance and figured prominently in their B team, in the summer of 2010.



It's a fact
He comes from rich footballing stock – his grandfather played for Real Madrid while his father represented their great Spanish rivals Barcelona.

15 Craig Dawson

Age 22 Apps 1 Gl's 0

D

The 22 year old defender, on loan from West Brom, made his debut against Burnley last weekend and produced a man-of-the-match performance. He began his career with non-league Radcliffe Borough but moved to Rochdale in 2009. Just over a year later the England Under 21 international signed for West Brom, where he made eight appearances prior to his move to The Reebok.

It's a fact
He scored twice on his England Under 21 debut against Azerbaijan in September 2011.



- G** Goalkeeper
- D** Defender
- M** Midfielder
- A** Attacker
- C** Captain

20 Jay Spearing

Age 24 Apps 25 Gls 1

(M)

The all-action midfielder is on a season-long loan from Liverpool, where he had made inroads into a first team career. He has made 30 Premier League appearances at Anfield, where he spent his entire career to date apart from a loan spell with Leicester City in 2009. He's been an integral part of Bolton's plans this season

19 Marvin Sordell

Age 21 Apps 13 Gls 2

(A)

The talented England Under 21 striker – he celebrates his 22nd birthday tomorrow – made a £3m move from Watford to Bolton on transfer deadline day in January 2012 and has continued his exciting development at The Reebok. He was originally a product of Fulham's Academy before moving to Watford, where he produced a string of eye-catching displays that attracted interest from a host of clubs. He scored 27 goals in 73 league appearances for The Hornets.

7 Chris Eagles

Age 27 Apps 63 Gls 11

(M)

The former Manchester United winger has been one of Bolton's leading lights this season, producing a steady supply of goals. He joined The Whites from Burnley in July 2011 in a double deal that also took Tyrone Mears from Turf Moor to The Reebok. Eagles developed as a youngster at Watford before joining United at the age of 14.

Goalkeepers

- 1 Adam Bogdan
- 24 Andy Lonergan
- 26 Robin Lainton
- 34 Jay Lynch

Defenders

- 2 Tyrone Mears
- 3 Marcos Alonso
- 4 Matt Mills
- 5 Tim Ream
- 12 Zat Knight
- 15 Craig Dawson
- 18 Samuel Ricketts
- 23 Joe Riley
- 31 David Wheeler
- 33 Adam Blakeman
- 39 Alex McQuade

Midfielders

- 7 Chris Eagles
- 8 Keith Andrews
- 11 Greg Wylde
- 16 Mark Davies
- 20 Jay Spearing
- 21 Darren Pratley
- 22 Stuart Holden
- 25 Joshua Vela
- 27 Chung-Yong Lee
- 35 Joe McKee

Attackers

- 9 David Ngog
- 14 Kevin Davies
- 19 Marvin Sordell
- 32 Tom Eaves
- 38 Sanmi Odelusi

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Kevin Davies



It's a fact
*He helped
Chesterfield to the
semi finals of the FA
Cup in the 1996-97
season, beating us
1-0 at Saltergate in
a fifth round tie.*

Talismanic striker Kevin Davies clocked up his 400th appearance for Bolton Wanderers in their last away game at Watford.

But that statistic does not begin to tell the story of how influential he has been for Bolton in a decade of wonderful service to the club.

In 2009 his contribution was rewarded when he was named Player of the Year but week in, week out he's led the front line with the total commitment that has always endeared him to the Bolton faithful.

He's now in the twilight of his career – he will be 36 in March - and when he decides to call it a day, he can look back on a football life that includes England recognition – he won an England cap in October 2010.

At the age of 33 he was England's oldest debutant for 60 years when he played in a Euro 2012 qualifier against Montenegro.

The Sheffield-born front man began his career not far away from here at Chesterfield, where he scored 22 goals in 129 appearances.

Graeme Souness took him to Southampton in May 1997 but just over a year later he was on his way to Blackburn Rovers in a £7.5m deal.

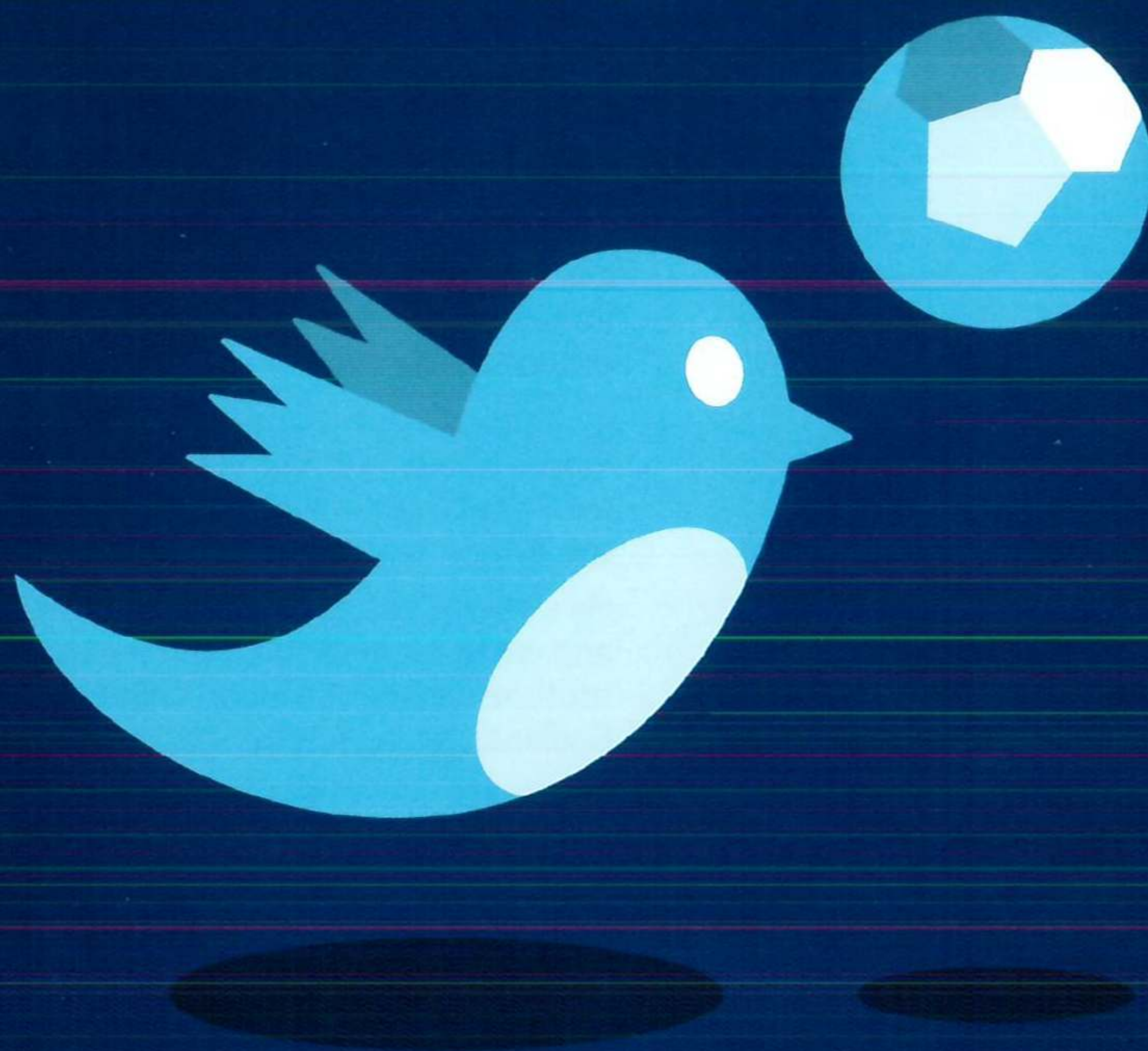
And just over 12 months later he returned to Southampton for a four-year stint but it was with Bolton that he rediscovered his best form.

His mounting respect at the club led to him taking over the club's captaincy in 2009 following the sale of Kevin Nolan to Newcastle United.

Kevin Davies Timeline

1993-1997	1997-1998	1998-1999	1999-2003	2003-
Chesterfield	Southampton	Blackburn	Southampton	Bolton

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May 28 2001

a day they'll never forget by Leigh Edwards

Bolton Wanderers regained Premiership status after three years' absence with a stirring victory over Preston North End in the 2000-01 First Division play-off final at the Millennium Stadium.

Bolton had lost in the play-offs in the previous two years, once in the final. The previous season they had also lost in the semi finals of the FA Cup and League Cup. Nat Lofthouse, of Bolton, and Preston's Tom Finney were in attendance as the Lancashire rivals, founder members of the Football League, contested the £30m prize. With the former England team-mates and legends, looking on, the sides had a lot to live up to.

Wanderers took the lead after 17 minutes when Simon Charlton's free-kick caused confusion in the Preston area. Rob Edwards fluffed his clearance and Gareth Farrelly drove the ball past the outstretched arm of David Lucas.

Preston tried valiantly to equalise and Mark Rankine could have scored three times in a lively opening to the second half but twice drove wide and was once denied by Matt Clarke.

Lucas was easily the busier of the two goalkeepers as Bolton counter-attacked, saving well from Kevin Nolan, Per Frandsen and Dean Holdsworth.

Wanderers sealed victory on 89 minutes when Michael Ricketts raced through from the halfway line on to Farrelly's pass and easily slotted the ball past Lucas for his 24th goal of the season. Then, in the dying seconds, Ricardo Gardner also set off on a solo run, weaved past two weary challenges and hammered the ball home. Bolton manager Sam Allardyce, a former player of both clubs, rejoiced.

Bolton: Clarke, Barness, Charlton, Hendry, Bergsson, Nolan, Farrelly, Frandsen (Elliott), Hansen (Ricketts), Holdsworth (Whitlow), Gardner.

Preston: Lucas, Alexander, Edwards, Murdock, Grogan, Kidd, McKenna (Cresswell), Rankine, Macken, Healy, Cartwright (Anderson).

Venue: Millennium Stadium **Att:** 54,328





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MANAGERIAL RECORDS

Billy Davies

Played 113 Won 50 Drawn 33 Lost 30
For 158 Against 119
Av Pts/game 1.62
Biggest Win(s) Nottm Forest 5 QPR 0
(26/01/2010). **Biggest Loss(es)**
Burnley 5 Nottm Forest 0 (14/03/2009).

Dougie Freedman

Played 18 Won 5 Drawn 7 Lost 6
For 25 Against 24
Av Pts/game 1.22
Biggest Win(s) Bolton 3 Birmingham 1
(29/12/2012). **Biggest Loss(es)**
Peterboro 5 Bolton 4 (22/12/2012).

MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played...1 Billy Davies1 Dougie Freedman0
Draws ...0 Goals 3 Goals 0

Player with the most... shots

Billy
Sharp 48

shots on target

Billy
Sharp 21

shots off target

Billy
Sharp 27

assists

Simon
Cox 5

crosses

Andy
Reid 99

fouls

Dexter
Blackstock 38

free-kicks-won

Chris
Cohen 34



Player with the most... shots

Chris
Eagles 118

shots on target

Chris
Eagles 66

shots off target

Chris
Eagles 52

assists

Chris
Eagles 10

crosses

Chris
Eagles 78

fouls

Kevin
Davies 61

free-kicks-won

Chris
Eagles 55

GAMES SINCE

4	a win	0
1	a home win	0
7	an away win	2
0	a defeat	1
0	a home defeat	1
0	an away defeat	0
3	a score draw	5
10	a no score draw	3
0	conceding a goal	0
1	scoring a goal	0
0	conceding > 1	1
4	scoring > 1	0
10	keeping a clean sheet	3
0	failing to score	3
14	back to back wins	44
0	back to back defeats	1
3	gaining a point	0
0	losing a point	1
8	win by > one	4
0	loss by > one	29

SHARP SHOOTERS

Nottm Forest	FL Cup	Tot	Bolton	FL Cup	Tot		
Billy Sharp	10	1	11	Chris Eagles	7	0	7
Dexter Blackstock	6	1	7	Kevin Davies	6	0	6
Simon Cox	4	1	5	Marvin Sordell	2	4	6

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played... 71 Nottm Forest wins..... 23 Bolton wins..... 29
Draws ... 19 Goals 98 (1.4 per game) Goals 109 (1.5 per game)
0-0's..... 5 Times failed to score 19 Times failed to score 19

Biggest League win at Nottm Forest for each team:

24/03/1906 Nottm Forest 4-0 Bolton

17/03/2001 Nottm Forest 0-2 Bolton

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LEAGUE STATS



13	Position	17
31	Played	30
10	Won	9
11	Drawn	10
10	Lost	11
40	Goals For	43
44	Goals Against	44
41	Points	37



Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
3	7	7	15	5	5	7	10

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
7	4	3	10	4	5	4	22

Record When Scoring First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
7	4	0	21	5	4	4	24

Record When Conceding First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
3	4	10	5	4	4	7	2

Match Scores

Wins: 1-0[3], 2-0[1], 2-1[3], 3-1[1],
4-1[1], 4-2[1], **Losses:** 0-1[1], 0-2[2],
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Draws: 0-0[3], 1-1[3], 2-2[5]

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BOLTON - TEN SEASON RECORD



*up to and including 10/02/2013

A full-page photograph of a football player, Zat Knight, in a white training jersey with red and blue accents. The jersey features the Adidas logo, a small crest, and a large orange '188BET' logo. He is gesturing with his right hand, palm facing forward. The background is dark and out of focus.

Knight ready for battle

Zat Knight is optimistic that The Trotters can put up a strong fight for promotion

Don't try telling anyone at The Reebok Stadium that the remainder of this season is all about making sure of their place in the npower Championship.

It's not been the happiest of campaigns for our opponents this afternoon – striving to cope with the demands of dropping out of the Premier League at a time when they have been without several of their top players.

But there is a quiet belief in the Wanderers dressing room that they are still capable of mounting a late surge for a play-off place come May.

Defender Zat Knight, who epitomises that feeling, told us this week: "I'm a very positive person anyway but I see no reason why we should not put a run together over the coming weeks and have a chance of finishing the season where it matters.

"It has been a difficult season for us in many ways but for all the problems we have had we were looking at a ten point gap after last weekend's games and at this stage of the season teams can bridge that.

"We've got six games coming up in the next three weeks and that means there is a lot of points on offer over a short space of time. If we can put in a big push now, you never know where it might take us."

Knight's optimism is largely based on the quality of the players he sees around him in the Bolton dressing room.

He added: "When I come into the club every day I see a lot of talented players and unfortunately several of our key men have missed a lot of games because of injury.

"When you are without players like Stuart Holden and David Wheater all season and then see the likes of Matt Mills and Mark Davies out of action for lengthy spells it is going to affect any team.

"But the good thing for us is that those guys are coming back into the picture and look ready to play a part in the remainder of the season.

"It's not just the fact that they will add a lot of quality, it's the competition that it brings because that is so important in a football club.

"Injuries have been a bit of a problem but it's also a fact that we've had to adapt to playing at a different level – and that's not as easy as it might appear.

"Most teams in the Premier League play one way and you know that you are going to be playing on top quality pitches week in and week out.

"In the Championship there are so many different styles of play and it's got to be said that the pitches are generally not of the same standard.

"But you have to come to terms with that and I think we have shown in recent weeks that we are doing just that.

"We had an excellent win against Burnley last weekend and I think we have shown our ability against Premier League sides recently. We defeated Sunderland in the FA Cup and also gave Everton a very close game."

But if Knight and his team-mates mean promotion business they fully realise that today's game at The City Ground looms large ahead of them.

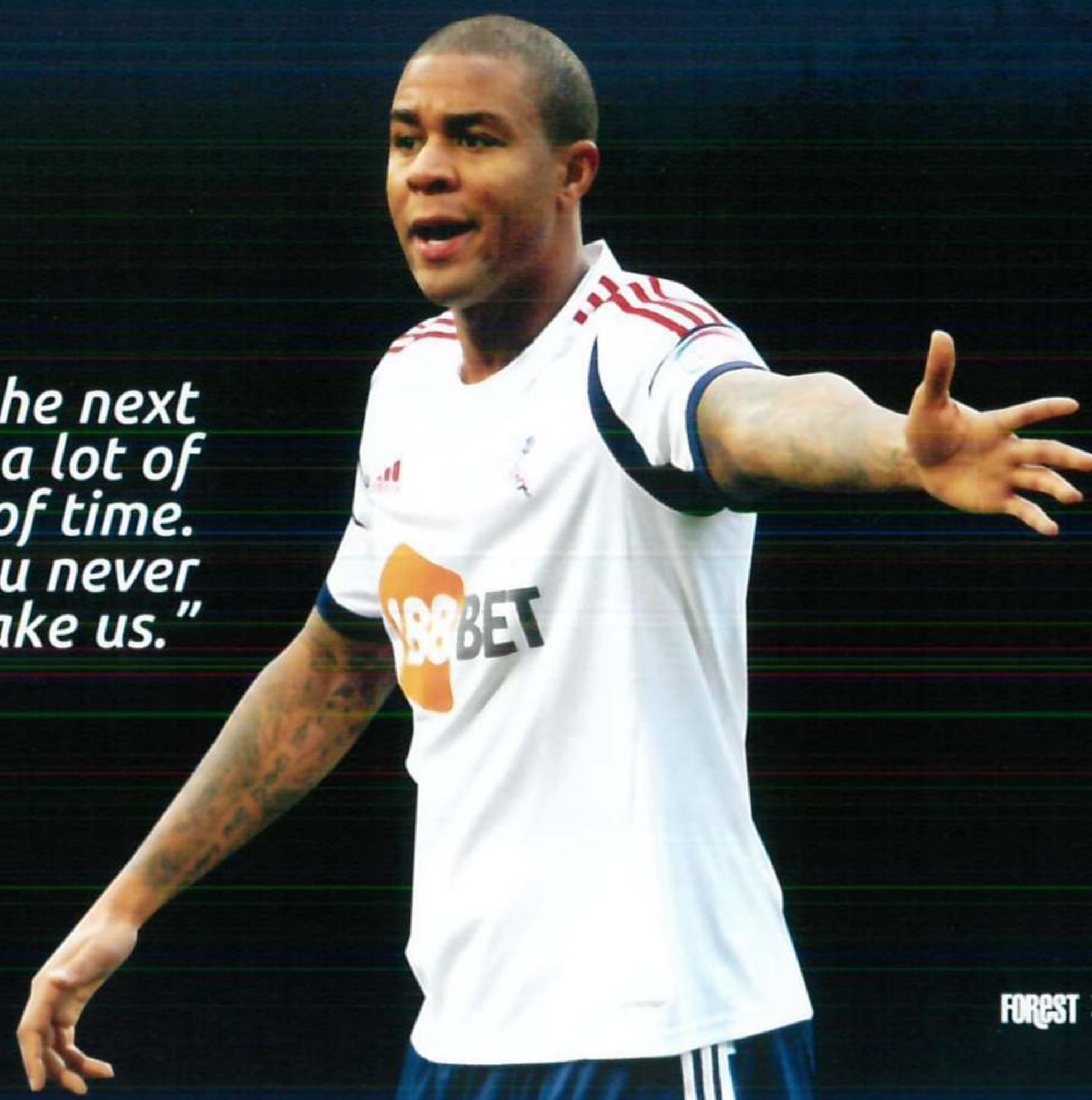
He went on: "With an old manager coming back to the club we know that everyone will be up for the game and there should be a great atmosphere.

"Having played Forest this season at our place we are aware that they are a very good side. They and Leicester are the best teams we've met this season.

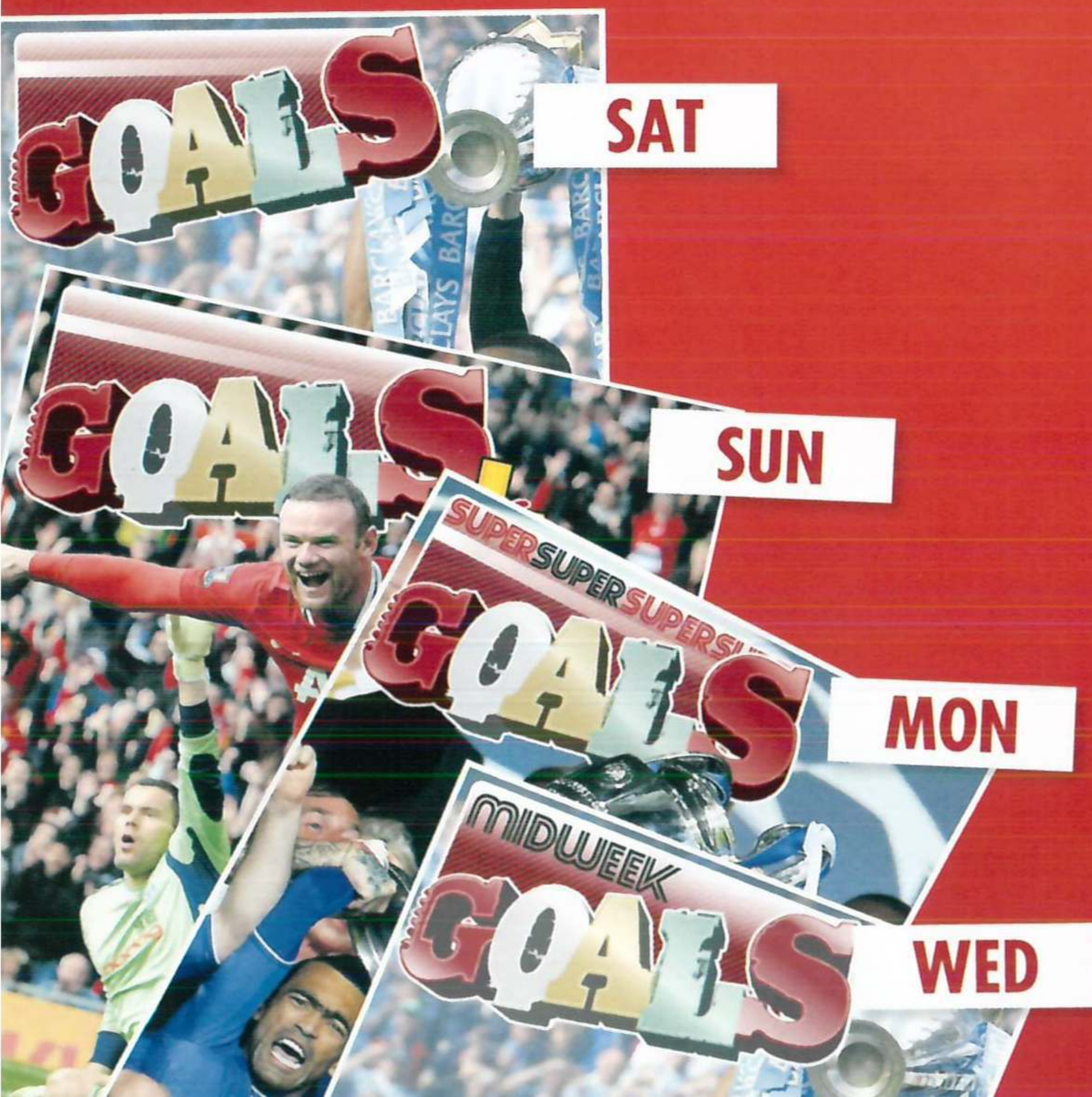
"But it's been an up and down season for Forest as well and now they are looking to make the most of what's on offer between now and May.

"There are a lot of teams, including ourselves, who will be thinking the same."

"We've got six games coming up in the next three weeks and that means there is a lot of points on offer over a short space of time. If we can put in a big push now, you never know where it might take us."



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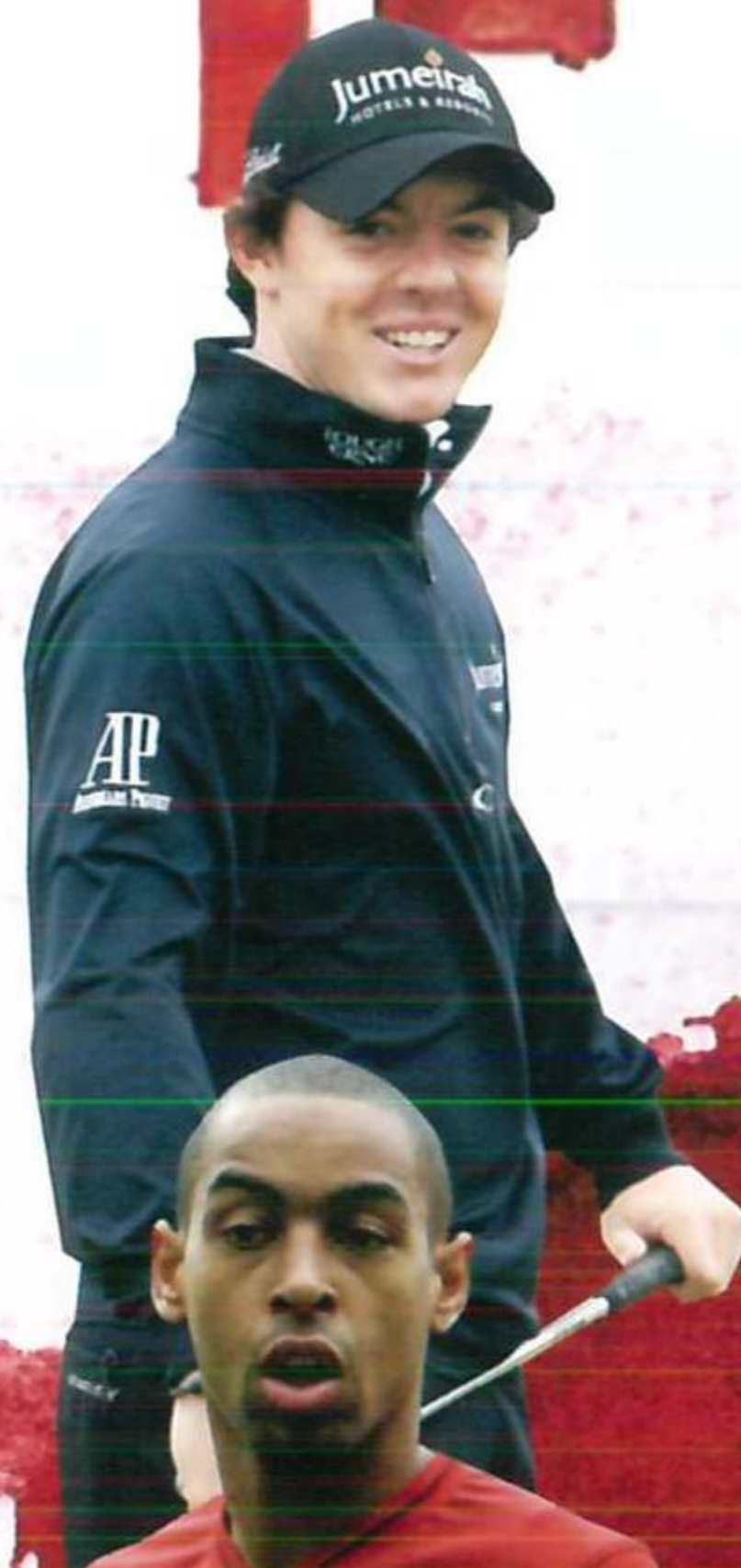
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Dexter Blackstock

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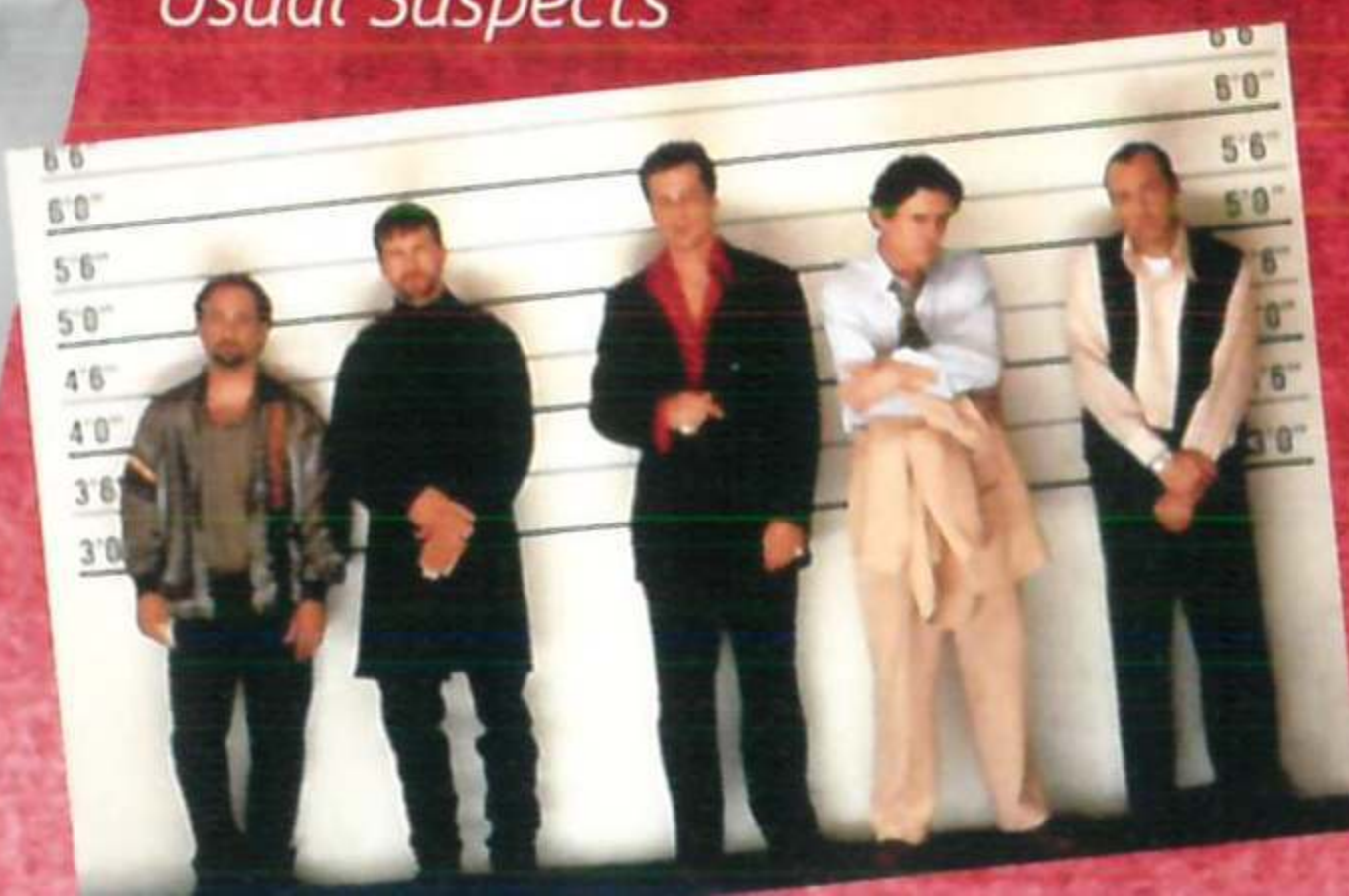
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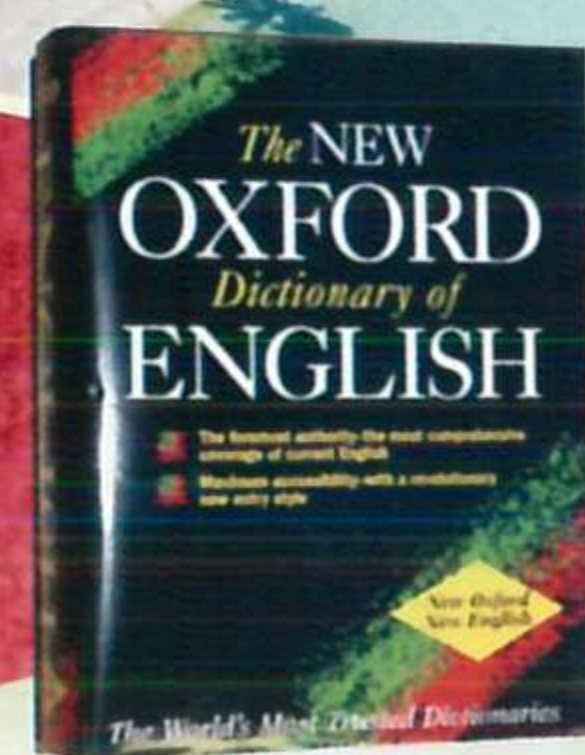
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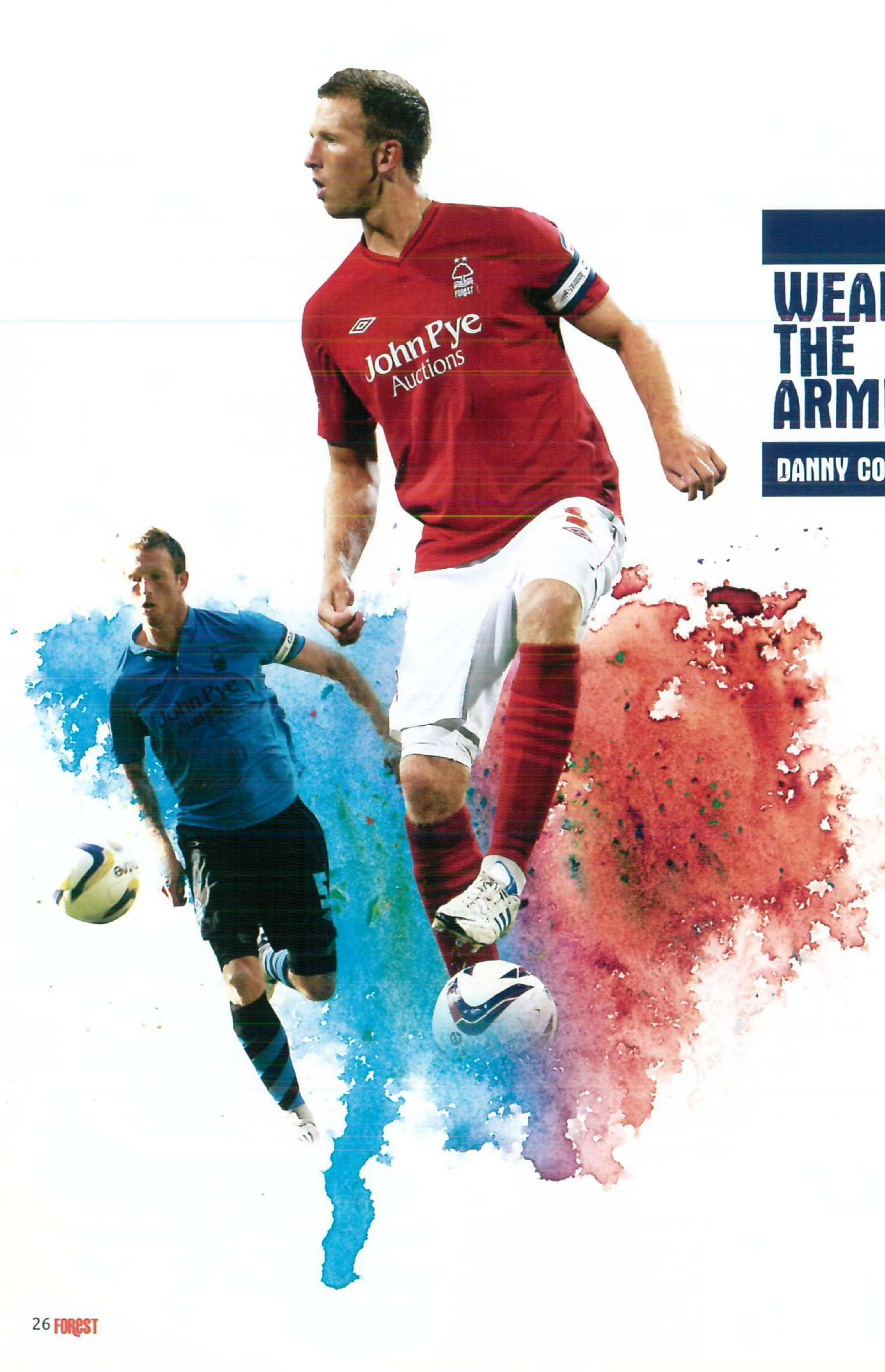
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WEARING THE ARMBAND

DANNY COLLINS

There promises to be an incredible atmosphere at The City Ground this afternoon as the manager begins his second spell in charge of the club.

I've spoken to a few fans this week in the build-up to the game and know how much they are looking forward to it ... and the mood is exactly the same in the dressing room.

We've had a good week on the training ground with some hard but really enjoyable sessions and there's a positive buzz about the place.

Now it's up to us as a group of players to take that vibe out onto the pitch, starting this afternoon against Bolton.

The gaffer introduced himself and his staff to us on Monday before outlining his vision for, first and foremost, the remainder of the season.

We've got 15 games left – and you don't need to be a maths expert to work out that's 45 points still up for grabs – and we're still within touching distance of the play-offs.

He spoke with great passion about the future of the club and where he wants to take us and it's clear to see that he certainly does feel that he has unfinished business here.

Like every manager he has his own ideas about how things should be done but it's evident that he loves being out on the training ground in the thick of things with his players.

He clearly leaves no stone unturned in his preparation for games and you can guarantee we will go into this afternoon's game against Bolton knowing all we need to know about Dougie Freedman's side.

It's good that we've had a clear week to work hard on the training ground because it has given us the opportunity to get to know the gaffer and his staff and help get the disappointment of last weekend's defeat at Bristol City out of our systems.

The manner in which we lost at Ashton Gate was disappointing. It was a tight contest but ultimately we were undone by two sloppy second half goals.

We had chances to break the deadlock in the first half and had one of those opportunities gone in I'm sure the outcome would have been different.

But that's all in the past now and today's visit of Bolton signals a new start and the first of back-to-back home games, with Huddersfield also visiting us in midweek.

It's a great opportunity for us to get points on the board and try and close the gap between ourselves and the teams that currently occupy top six positions.

Of course, that's easy to say and please don't think I'm being disrespectful to our opposition because they will no doubt be as pumped up for the games as we will be.

But it's up to us to try and make it a reality and give ourselves a platform to mount a promotion push over the remaining couple of months of the season.

No-one can offer any guarantees about what will happen between now and May 4 but one thing is for sure we will do everything we can to give ourselves a real shot at being in the shake-up.

I hope you enjoy the occasion this afternoon – we will try and make it as memorable as possible.



“Like every manager he has his own ideas about how things should be done but it's evident that he loves being out on the training ground in the thick of things with his players.”

Derby County

1 Ward 52

Nottingham Forest 1 Cohen 31

We were unfortunate not to come away from Pride Park with all three points after edging the East Midlands derby.

A subdued atmosphere provided an unfamiliar backdrop for a fixture of such magnitude – and when Chris Cohen handed us a first half lead The Rams' faithful were further silenced.

Jamie Ward's second half leveller went some way towards ramping up the noise but we nevertheless ended the game the more likely of the two sides – a fact which compounded Alex McLeish's disappointment after the game.

Our hosts were out of the blocks quicker, however, and half of the ground thought Ward's deflected free-kick had given them an early lead when it flew just wide of Karl Darlow's post.

But we fired a much more threatening warning shot of our own when Simon Cox cannoned a shot against the crossbar on 14 minutes after turning on the edge of the area.

And when Gonzalo Jara Reyes blasted over minutes later it looked like our best opportunity had been squandered.

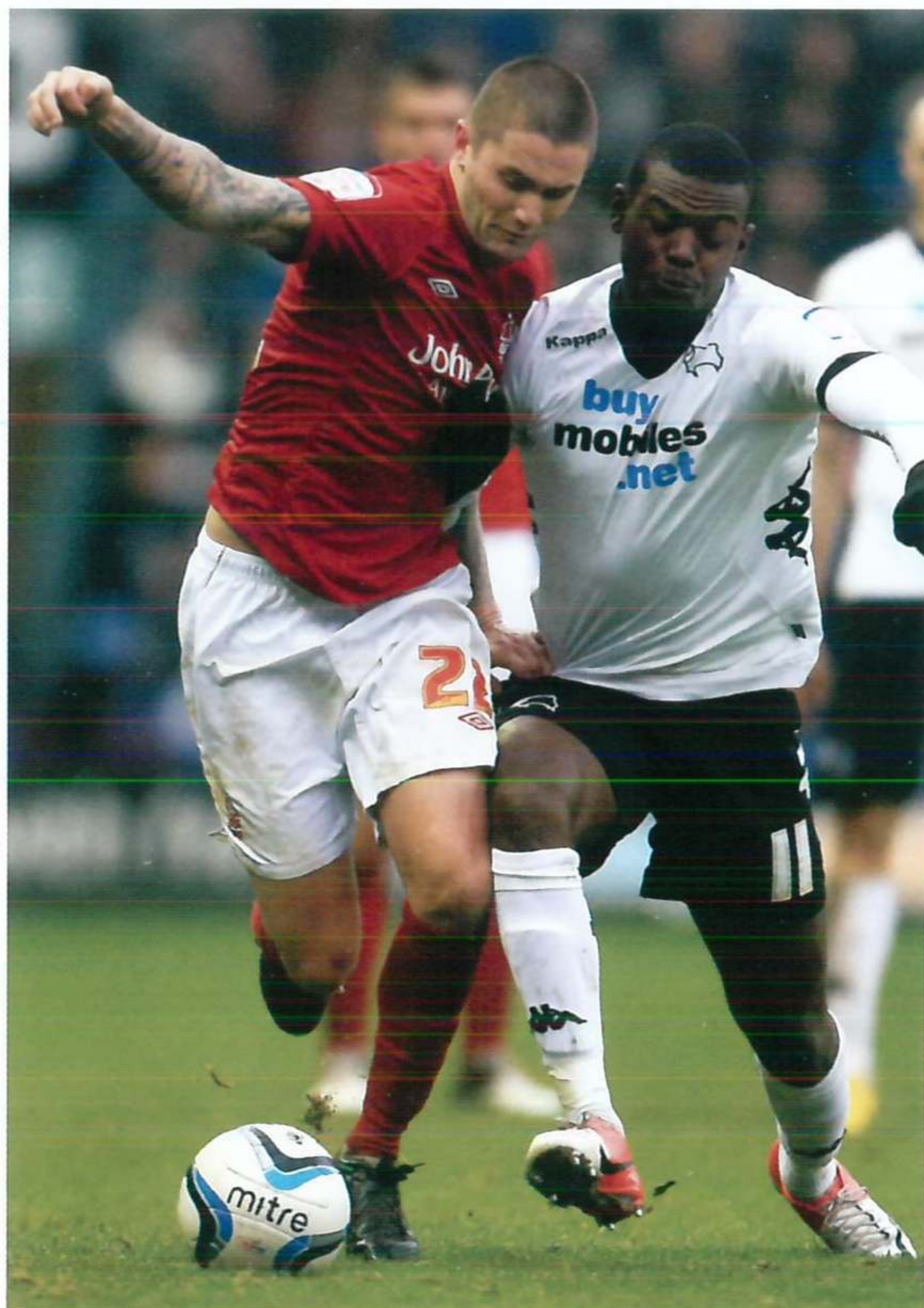
But when Cohen's air shot bounced kindly back to his feet from Simon Cox's knock-down on 31 minutes, the midfielder made no mistake in sliding the opener beyond Adam Legzdins.

Half chances came and went for both sides either side of the break but Derby were level on 52 minutes when Ward beat Darlow after Conor Sammon had dispossessed Simon Gillett in midfield.

We responded well and substitute Dexter Blackstock should have converted a free header from a Henri Lansbury corner before Sharp's turn-and-shot from the edge of the area zipped agonisingly wide of the woodwork.

But the game was condemned to stalemate and we were left wondering what might have been.





"We had the clearer chances and are disappointed not to win. It took us a while to get going but once we did we looked threatening all afternoon."

Chris Cohen

Derby: Legzdins, Brayford, Keogh, O'Brien, Roberts, Coutts, Hughes, Hendrick, Bryson (Jacobs 78), Ward (Robinson 67), Sammon. *Subs not used:* Fielding, Davies, Freeman, O'Connor, Bennett

Forest: Darlow, Jara Reyes, Collins, Ward, Halford, Gillett (Moussi 68), Cohen, Majewski (Blackstock 63), Lansbury, Cox, Sharp. *Subs not used:* Evtimov, Harding, McGugan, Greening, Moloney

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Players past and present making the news by Shaun Wheatcroft

Friends reunited

Our former skipper Paul McKenna has joined up with a past acquaintance as he looks to help Graham Alexander's Fleetwood Town push for promotion from League Two.

The 35 year old midfield veteran departed Hull City last month after not featuring in a league game for Steve Bruce's men since November and joined Fleetwood on loan for the remainder of the season.

Cod Army boss Alexander played alongside McKenna at Preston and hopes the Lancashire-born man can play a key role in his side.

He said: "What I knew from my time, playing with him for eight years, was that he was always unsung."

"The fans never raved about him. He never got the headlines in the papers but every single team-mate he played with knew what a player he was and what a team-mate he was. Hopefully the players here will see that."

McKenna made 72 appearances for us, scoring three goals.



Red to a Robin

Brendan Moloney has told Bristol City fans the best is yet to come from him after making an impressive start since linking up with our former boss Sean O'Driscoll last month.

The 24 year old defender joined the Robins on a two-and-a-half year deal after his contract at The City Ground was terminated by mutual consent and he turned in another fine performance against us last weekend.

The Irishman, who came through our Academy system, said he was glad to be given the opportunity to play under O'Driscoll again.

"Obviously, different managers have different ideas and Alex McLeish saw things differently when he arrived. As soon as I heard there was a chance of joining Bristol City, I could not wait to get down here," he said.

"It helps when a manager rates you and is prepared to show faith in you. Sean has shown he trusts me and that can only give you more confidence to go out and perform at your best."

A foxy move for Nicky

Our former defender Nicky Eaden has joined the backroom staff at Championship rivals Leicester City.

The 40 year old is playing a key role in the development of up-and-coming talent at King Power Stadium by helping coach their Under 21 side.

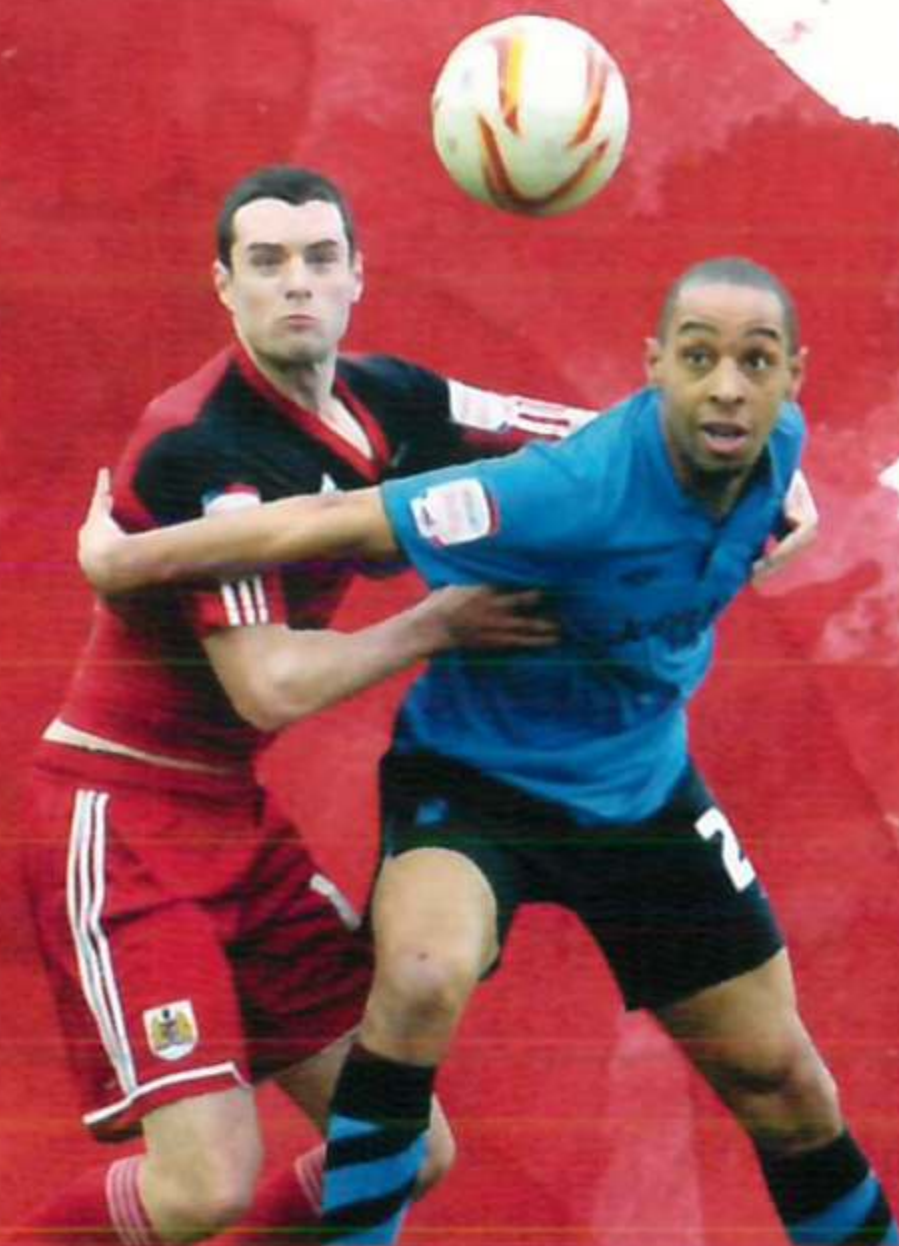
Eaden also scouts for City and it was that role that brought him back to The City Ground for our game against Watford.

He told us: "I'm really enjoying myself at Leicester. The club attaches a great deal of importance to player development – as I know Forest do as well – and it's good to be involved at that level."

Eaden launched his career in his native South Yorkshire with Barnsley, making more than 300 appearances and helping them reach the Premier League under the management of Danny Wilson.

He had a spell at Birmingham and was then a key member of the Wigan side that climbed from the old Division Two into the top flight.

Eaden joined us in the summer of 2005 and made 30 league and cup appearances over a two-year spell at The City Ground.





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SHARP SHOOTERS

Player	Team	Lge	Cup	Ttl
Glenn Murray	Crystal Palace	24	1	25
Charlie Austin	Burnley	21	3	24
Jordan Rhodes	Blackburn	21	1	22
Matej Vydra	Watford	19	0	19
David McGoldrick	Ipswich	17	2	19
Chris Wood	Leicester	16	2	18
Tom Ince	Blackpool	17	0	17
Marlon King	Birmingham	13	1	14
Dwight Gayle	Peterborough	14	0	14

WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

Ground	Home Team	M	Gls	G/Mt
Ashton Gate	Bristol City	16	64	4.00
London Road Ground	Peterboro	16	58	3.62
Selhurst Park	Crystal Pal	15	52	3.47
Pride Park Stadium	Derby	15	50	3.33
Riverside Stadium	Middlesbro	15	50	3.33
King Power Stadium	Leicester	15	47	3.13
Bloomfield Road	Blackpool	16	50	3.12
Hillsborough	Sheff Wed	16	49	3.06
Vicarage Road Stad	Watford	16	46	2.88
Portman Road	Ipswich	15	43	2.87
St Andrews Stadium	Birmingham	15	43	2.87
The Valley	Charlton	16	45	2.81
Molineux Stadium	Wolves	16	44	2.75
The City Ground	Nottm F	15	40	2.67
Reebok Stadium	Bolton	15	39	2.60
Turf Moor	Burnley	15	39	2.60
Elland Road	Leeds	15	38	2.53
The Den	Millwall	15	38	2.53
The KC Stadium	Hull	14	35	2.50
John Smith's Stadium	Huddersfld	16	38	2.38
Cardiff City Stadium	Cardiff	14	33	2.36
Amex Stadium	Brighton	15	34	2.27
Ewood Park	Blackburn	16	36	2.25
Oakwell Stadium	Barnsley	15	33	2.20

TEAM LEADERS

Team with the most..

shots on target 230 Leicester. **shots off target** 190 Blackpool. **corners** 233 Leicester. **hit woodwork** 14 Bristol City. **offsides** 89 Birmingham. **fouls** 362 Sheff Wed. **yellow cards** 61 Watford. **red cards** 4 Watford.

PLAYER POWER

Player with the most..

Shots 118 Chris Eagles (Bolton). **Shots on target** 66 Chris Eagles (Bolton). **Shots off target** 52 Chris Eagles (Bolton). **Assists** 10 Chris Eagles (Bolton). **Crosses** 147 Ahmed Elmohamady (Hull). **Offsides** 49 Marlon King (Birmingham). **Fouls** 61 Kevin Davies (Bolton). **Free-kicks won** 75 Wilfried Zaha (Crystal Palace).

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2012/13 SEASON



GOAL COUNTER 1044

RIGHT FOOT 561 goals

53.7%

LEFT FOOT 274 goals

26.2%

HEADERS 182 goals

17.4%

Own goals 20 (1.9%), Other body part 7 (0.7%)

QUICK-FIRE GOALS

From the start of a match

Albert Adomah (Bristol City vs Blackburn) 0:43

By a substitute after coming on

Nikola Zigic (Birmingham vs Crystal Palace) 0:56

DISCIPLINARY



3.0 cards per match



0.1 cards per match

QUICK-FIRE CARDS

From the start of a match

Kevin Davies (Bolton vs Nottm Forest) 0:34

By a substitute after coming on

Mark Yeates (Nottm Forest vs Watford) 1:14

SUB TOTALS

Subs used 1952

Offsides 1566

Corners 4111

Shots Off Target 3880

BEAT THE TRAFFIC

Total number of goals you would have missed by leaving every match ten minutes early

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In the npower Championship this season there have been **4234** shots on target, goals constitute **24.7%** of all shots (doesn't include own goals). The woodwork has come to the rescue of the defending side on **186** occasions (the biggest beneficiaries being Burnley **15**). There have been **118** penalties awarded this season and of those **95** have been scored (a success rate of **80.5%**). Crystal Palace have been awarded most penalties - **12**. Watford have given most penalties away **9**. The team to score the most penalties is Crystal Palace **10**. Brighton missed **3** penalties in the npower Championship this season.

RESULTS

How many times each result has occurred this season - home sides score shown first

0-0	17
0-1	25
0-2	15
0-3	4
0-4	1
0-5	1
1-0	37
1-1	40
1-2	37
1-3	8
1-4	8
1-5	-
1-6	1
2-0	29
2-1	43
2-2	29
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3-0	9
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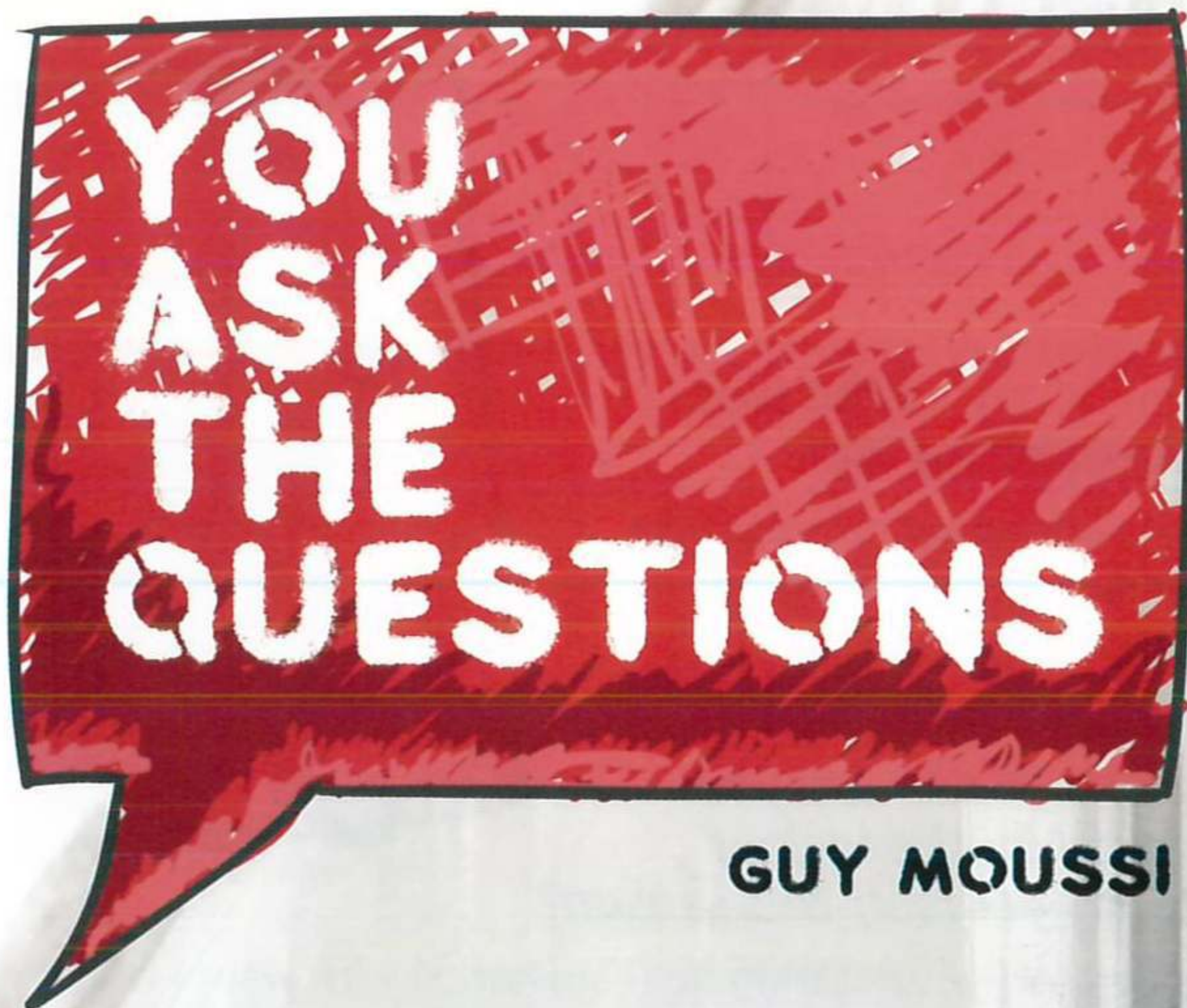
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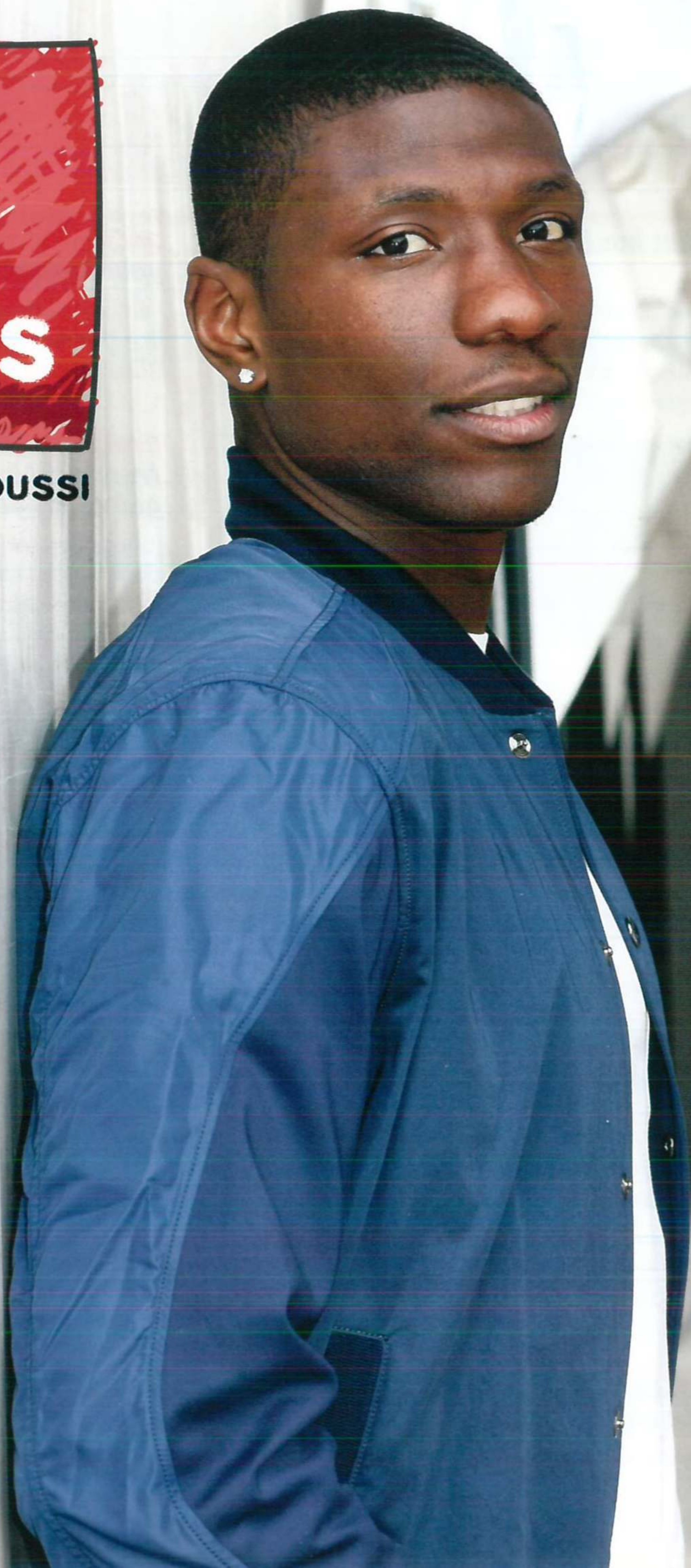
GUY MOUSSI

Few players will find it as easy to reach cult hero status as Guy Moussi did when he joined us in 2008.

The imposing midfielder immediately won our fans over with his strength and work rate in midfield.

But, as he reveals in this edition of 'You ask the questions', our adulation for the Frenchman was initially lost in translation.

Read on to find out why, and to learn more fascinating facts about our very own 'Moose'.



YOU ASK THE QUESTIONS

GUY MOUSSI

@dilldog_red: *What has been your favourite game in the red shirt?*

Probably when we beat Derby away 1-0 two seasons ago. There was a lot of rivalry – it was really tense and a good atmosphere. Robbie Savage was playing and he kicked me to try and provoke a reaction but I managed to resist the temptation.



@Torres_NFFC: *What is the best thing about playing for NFFC?*

In France, people are more there to enjoy the spectacle than to support either team. The atmosphere you experience when playing for a big club like Forest here in England is very different. When I first came it felt great to hear the fans sing Mull of Kintyre before kick-off.

@Dave1865: *When you first played for us, did you think the 'MOOSE' chant was us booing you?*

A lot of people ask me this. I obviously couldn't speak English when I first started so I didn't have a clue what they were doing. It would usually happen after I'd done something good, which I thought was strange.

@rich_kirkland11: *Everybody knows you as 'MOOSE', but if you could be any animal, what would you be?*

A lion – because he's the king.

@zaccymorton: *Who was your footballing idol?*

I always enjoyed watching people like Zinedine Zidane, Ronaldo, Ronaldinho and Maradona (right).



@wadethornhill: *Are you frustrated by the lack of games for yourself this season?*

It has been really frustrating but I am happy with what I have done when I have come off the bench. It all comes down to the manager's choice – that's football, you always have to prove yourself. I will do extra gym work and ask to play for the Under 21s if I am not getting much first team action. When I get home and look at myself in the mirror I ask myself 'have you tried your best in training? – yes', 'have you tried your best when you have come off the bench? – yes', 'have you cheated yourself? – no'. As long as they are my answers I can sleep properly at night.

@NFFCJames: *Were you surprised with how quickly the crowd took to you?*

Well I thought they were booing me to start with! But after the games people were coming up to me and being very friendly. I had a similar relationship with the fans at Angers because I was a product of their Academy. I'm delighted that the fans like me because it means they either like the way I play or recognise that I always give 100 per cent.

@nffc_DannyB: *Out of all of this season's new signings, who do you think has had the biggest impact on the squad?*

I thought both Greg Halford and Simon Cox made big impacts before getting injured.

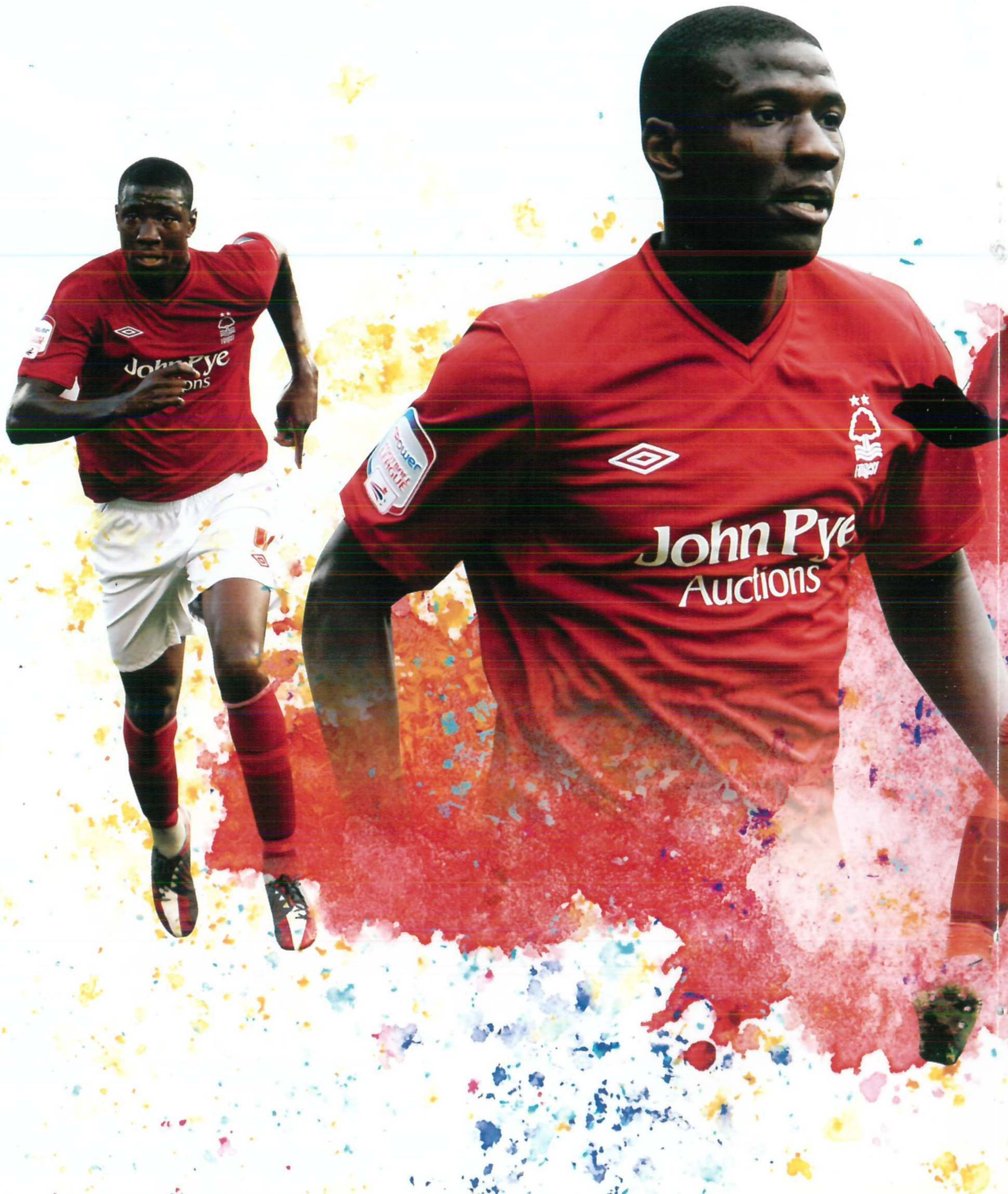




@Furness_nffc: f you could play for any team in the world who would it be?

Paris St. Germain – my home town team. They've gone mad – they're a different club now, which is good. It's a big city and I'm pleased that the owners have been able to bring big players like Zlatan Ibrahimovic (right) to the club as part of their project. It's good for the French league too because it attracts more attention and credibility now.

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GUY MOUSSI

Date of birth	January 23 1985
Birthplace	Bondy
Previous clubs	Angers SCO
Debut	v Reading August 10 2008 Championship
First goal	v Barnsley October 20 2009 Championship

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GUY
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@dahlbergm: Were you worried that you would have to move to Newcastle during the transfer window?

I wasn't concerned! I am pleased that they are doing well because, even though I am French, I thought it might have been too much. Some of the new players probably don't speak English so I think it is important that the likes of Yohan Cabaye, Hatem Ben Arfa and Sylvain Marveaux – the French speakers who have been there a while – communicate to the new lads about how important it is for them to learn English and mix with the other players to keep the squad working together.

@LiamRenshaw32: *Was it hard to adjust to life in Nottingham?*

Not really, because Hamza Bencherif and Tony Diagne were both here when I arrived. My translator Jim King, who has sadly passed away since, was there as well and he was really supportive – he would do anything for me. He helped me to find a house and picked my parents up from the airport when they came to visit. He was one of the main reasons I settled so well. I liked the city straight away – despite the food and everybody driving on the wrong side of the road – and I feel at home here now.

@dill1865: *Have you found the English language difficult to master?*

I didn't have that many English lessons. I learned most of it when I was at the barber shop, out buying food or simply by watching English television. I was shy to speak at the training ground because I thought people would laugh at me if I made a mistake. I would also spend most of spare time with Hamza and Tony, so I wasn't practicing my English at the training ground and I was speaking French with my friends. When Hamza left I had to change that but by that time I knew the players and was settled in Nottingham. It didn't really affect my football because you could use signs to communicate with your teammates. It was difficult to understand the manager sometimes but that was Colin Calderwood and I believe even some English people struggled to understand him!

@LiamNoon99: *What's your favourite sport (after football obviously)?*

I like to watch basketball but my favourite sport to play is table tennis. We have a table at the training ground and of course I am the best. I wish George Elokobi was still here because we used to have some great matches!



@BradleyAllenby: *If you could change anything about you to make your performance better, what would it be?*

Injuries – I think it's the only thing that can stop me.

@NFFCDan: *Who would be in your dream 5-a-side team?*

Casillas; Pique; Messi, Iniesta, Ronaldinho – they would keep the ball and wouldn't have to defend.

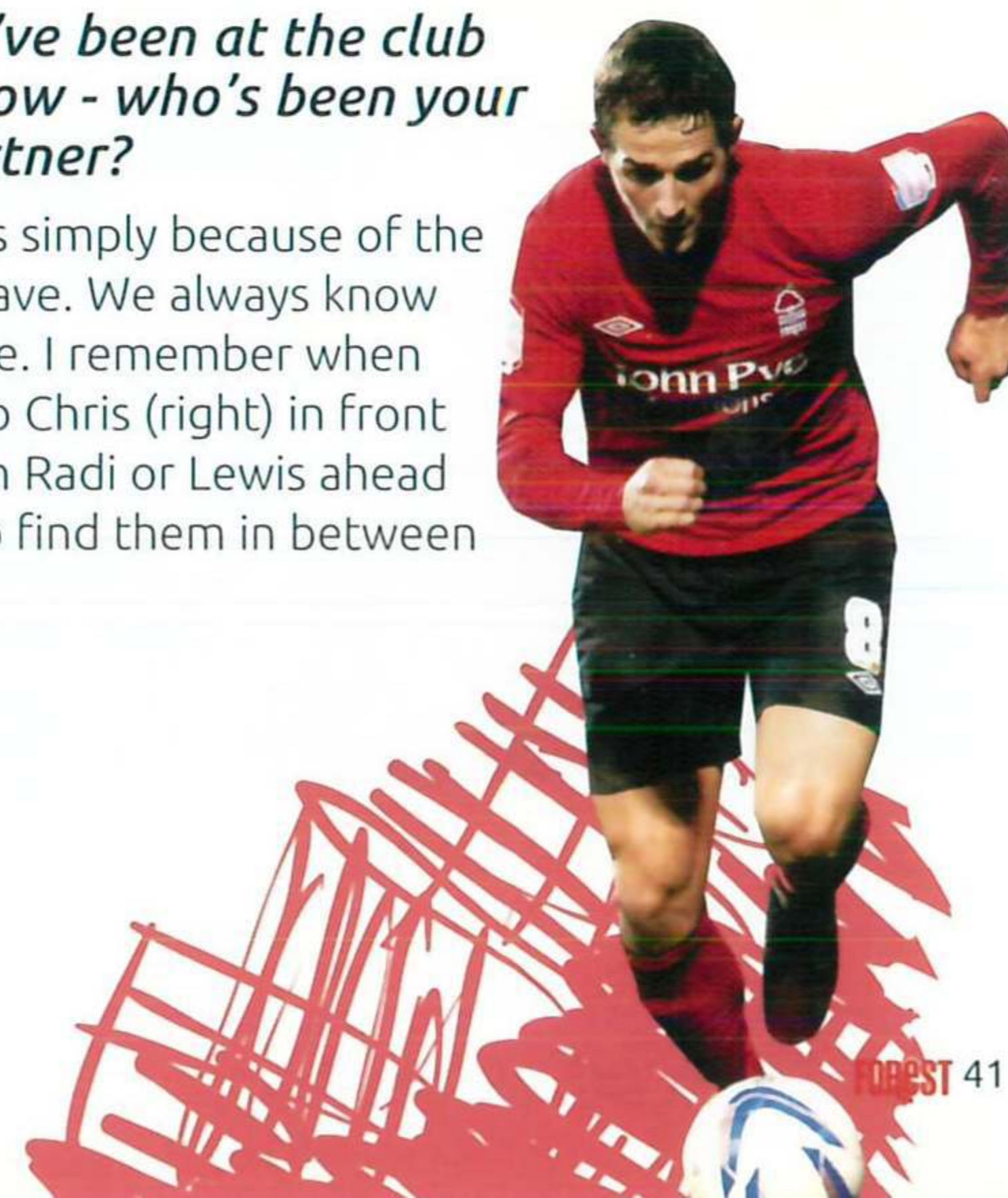


@TRENT_END_ANDY: *Would you like to go into management when your playing career finishes?*

Not at all. I want to go into something different, although I'm not sure what yet. People don't think about how difficult management is. You have to immerse yourself in it so much. You have to prepare sessions so the players will enjoy it without tiring them out for the weekend and you have to manage those who aren't playing and keep them focussed on the same targets. And the worst thing is that, no matter how well you do during the week, you can't control what happens on the pitch. It is down to the players and that must be frustrating.

@elisheab8: *You've been at the club for some years now - who's been your best midfield partner?*

Radi, Chris and Lewis simply because of the understanding we have. We always know where each other are. I remember when I used to play next to Chris (right) in front of the back four with Radi or Lewis ahead of us – it was easy to find them in between the lines.





GUY
MOUSSI

@JackBradders: *Who is your best mate at The City Ground?*

I'm close to everyone but I have known the likes of Chris Cohen, Radi Majewski, Dexter Blackstock, Lewis McGugan and Andy Reid for a long time. Team spirit is really important, especially when you find yourself in a difficult situation during a game.

@StOckii6: *What's it like playing in the Forest v Derby games?*

They are brilliant, but I didn't think this season's trip to Pride Park was the same as usual. It felt more friendly – in the past it was really tense between the players, it felt like a battle. But it didn't feel the same this year.



@wad_wad27: *Xbox360 or PS3?*

PS3. It is more popular in France. I have been a Pro Evolution Soccer man from the beginning, I won't even touch FIFA! A lot of people say FIFA is better now but I don't even want to try it in case it's true!



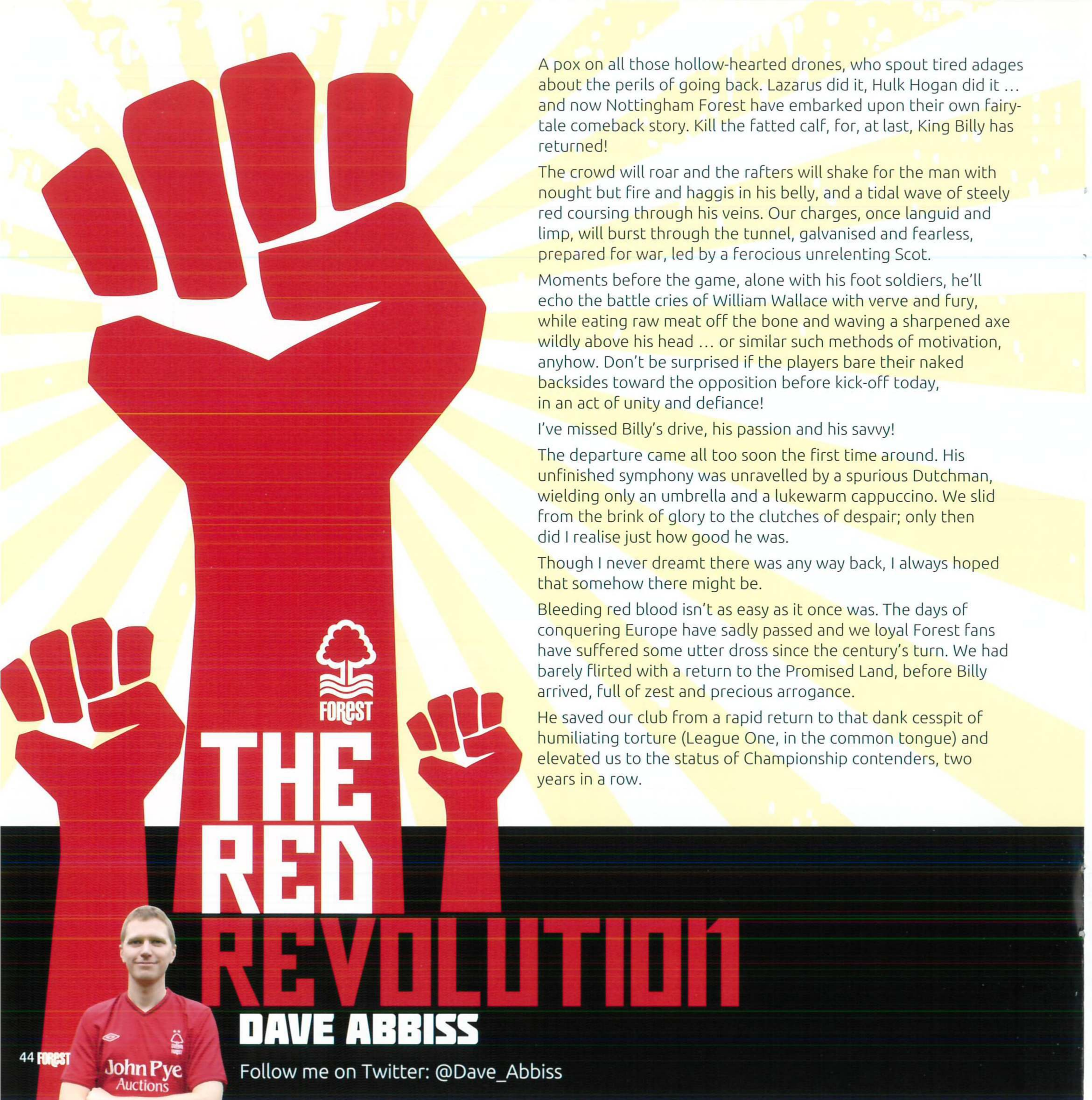
WELCOME HOME BILLY!

A man in a dark suit, white shirt, and red tie is shouting with his mouth wide open and arms raised in a crowd. The background is a blurred crowd of people.

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A pox on all those hollow-hearted drones, who spout tired adages about the perils of going back. Lazarus did it, Hulk Hogan did it ... and now Nottingham Forest have embarked upon their own fairytale comeback story. Kill the fatted calf, for, at last, King Billy has returned!

The crowd will roar and the rafters will shake for the man with nought but fire and haggis in his belly, and a tidal wave of steely red coursing through his veins. Our charges, once languid and limp, will burst through the tunnel, galvanised and fearless, prepared for war, led by a ferocious unrelenting Scot.

Moments before the game, alone with his foot soldiers, he'll echo the battle cries of William Wallace with verve and fury, while eating raw meat off the bone and waving a sharpened axe wildly above his head ... or similar such methods of motivation, anyhow. Don't be surprised if the players bare their naked backsides toward the opposition before kick-off today, in an act of unity and defiance!

I've missed Billy's drive, his passion and his savvy!

The departure came all too soon the first time around. His unfinished symphony was unravelled by a spurious Dutchman, wielding only an umbrella and a lukewarm cappuccino. We slid from the brink of glory to the clutches of despair; only then did I realise just how good he was.

Though I never dreamt there was any way back, I always hoped that somehow there might be.

Bleeding red blood isn't as easy as it once was. The days of conquering Europe have sadly passed and we loyal Forest fans have suffered some utter dross since the century's turn. We had barely flirted with a return to the Promised Land, before Billy arrived, full of zest and precious arrogance.

He saved our club from a rapid return to that dank cesspit of humiliating torture (League One, in the common tongue) and elevated us to the status of Championship contenders, two years in a row.

THE RED

REVOLUTION

DAVE ABBISS

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Twenty months after his departure, the memories still raise a smile in these miserable winter days. Victories over The Robins, The Magpies and The Thrustles had us soaring high... though thrice slaying The Rams was perhaps his crowning glory. When Billy was at the helm, the first time around, he made us fall in love with Nottingham Forest all over again.

The City Ground became an impregnable fortress. We walked along the Trent, sometimes upon it, expectant of victory – chests protruding proudly, unwavering belief that the win was rightfully ours.

He gave us an identity, after years of ambling blindly with only sparing hope. His team entertained us with exciting, effective, purposeful football, after seasons spent wishing to tear out our own eyes and throw them at the hapless passengers we saw before us. We went within touching distance of our Premiership dream, at a time when many among us were content to set up camp in the second tier.

He could turn a lumbering carthorse into a majestic stallion, a flatulent goose into an elegant swan. Through industry and craft, Billy squeezed every ounce of potential from each of his troops and forged together a team that was greater than the sum of its parts.

Now he's back and the clouds of apathy have lifted. My 40 days meandering through the wilderness, tempted to take up golf or join the circus, have come to a joyous end. Suddenly, the sheep in the field I pass each morning, once so proud, have turned to trembling balls of woolly angst before my very eyes. No longer do they antagonise me with their hostile bleating. Hope has been restored!

Football is a simple enough game. Supporters aren't quite the complicated breed that internet forums would have you believe. We love winning and we hate losing. The majority of fans love a manager who brings success, regardless of anything else. This is why the appointment of Billy Davies will be met with rapturous applause before today's kick off. And rightly so!

Billy is a proven winner and an emphatic leader. With time and support, I believe he'll make us great again. There are 15 games to go and the play-offs are still within our grasp. It's the perfect time for us all to get behind our team and begin to believe again!

Keep the Red flag flying high!

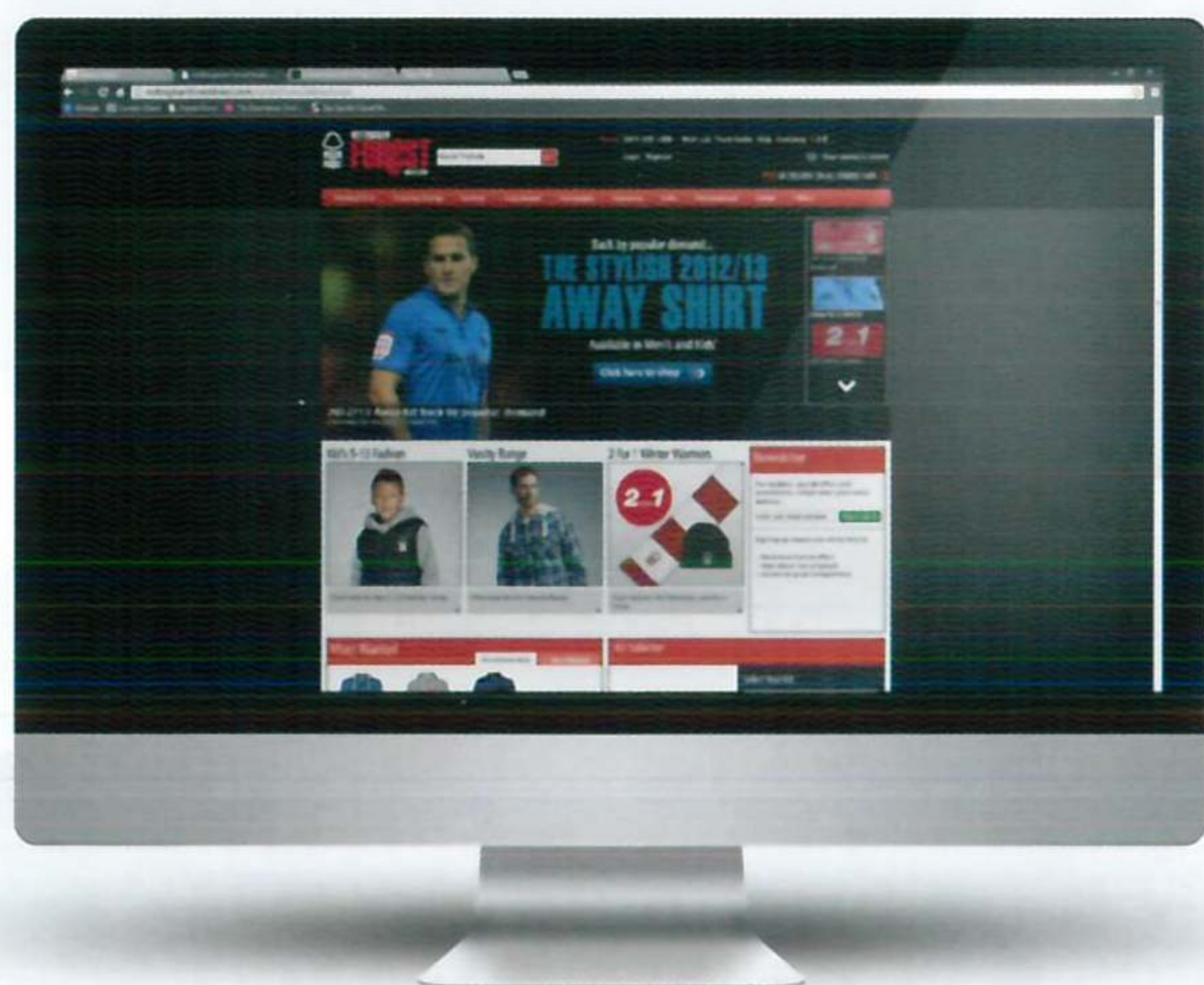


HE COULD TURN A LUMBERING CARTHORSE INTO A MAJESTIC STALLION, A FLATULENT GOOSE INTO AN ELEGANT SWAN. THROUGH INDUSTRY AND CRAFT, BILLY SQUEEZED EVERY OUNCE OF POTENTIAL FROM EACH OF HIS TROOPS AND FORGED TOGETHER A TEAM THAT WAS GREATER THAN THE SUM OF ITS PARTS.



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CASTAWAY - KARL DARLOW

Karl Darlow chooses eight favourite tunes, a book and a luxury item for his imaginary stay on a desert island

TUNES



1. Wonderwall
Oasis



2. You Overdid it Doll
The Courteeners



3. Run
Snow Patrol



4. Not Nineteen Forever
The Courteeners



5. I Bet That You Looked Good on the Dancefloor
Arctic Monkeys



6. Speed of Sound
Coldplay



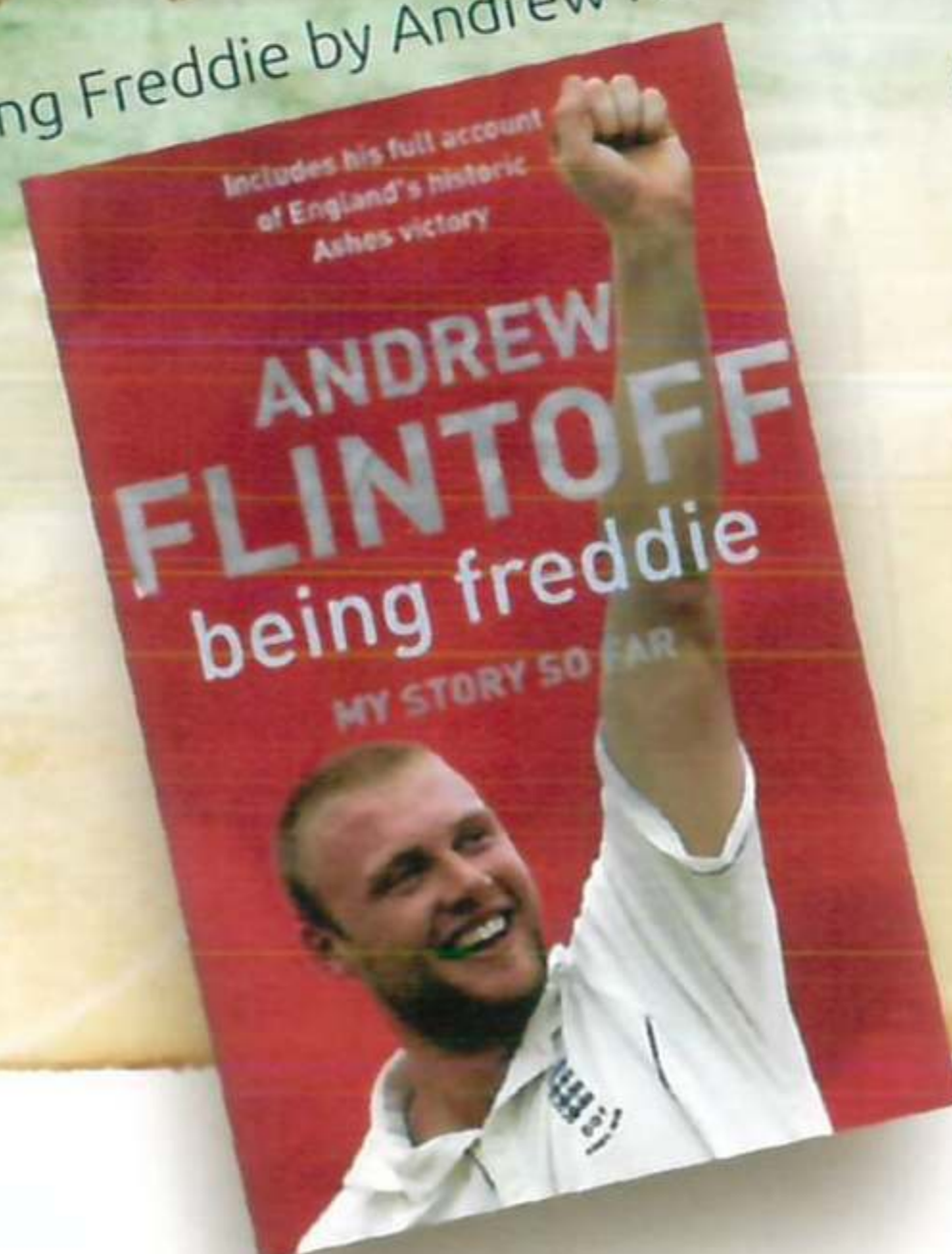
7. Some Might Say
Oasis



8. Naive
The Kooks

BOOK

Being Freddie by Andrew Flintoff



LUXURY ITEM

TV with SKY



INSIDE JOB

CATERING MANAGER

It's time to meet the man who oversees the catering operation here at The City Ground.

John Thornton first joined the club ten years ago when Azure Catering began their contract with us. He has since risen from head chef to catering manager and has led an annual increase in non-match-day revenue.

And in the latest of our popular 'Inside job' features, John tells us about chatting to Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink and explains his decision to hide away near the Players' Lounge.

TELL US A BIT ABOUT YOURSELF AND HOW YOU CAME TO WORK FOR THE CLUB...

I've been here for about ten years – since Azure took over the contract. I was head chef at Trent Bridge for five years before taking on the same role here. When our general manager left four years ago I was offered the chance to become catering manager. I gave it a go for six months and decided to continue. I monitor everything that we send out, from a cup of tea to a four-course meal – the buck stops with me.

TELL US ABOUT THE TEAM YOU HAVE WORKING FOR YOU...

I've got great staff – my deputy manager doubles up as my retail manager on a match-day so she supervises all of the kiosks around the ground and I have a number of chefs based both at The City Ground and at The Nigel Doughty Academy. We use a lot of casual staff – I think there are only eight of us who are full-time. We are lucky to have two universities on our door step with a number of local students looking for part-time work. We train everyone to a high standard on site.



WHAT'S IT LIKE MANAGING A STAFF FULL OF WOMEN?

They're great – but you know what women are like when they're gossiping about this, that and the other. I needed my own space so I could concentrate on all of the figures and other information relating to my role, hence my move into the office adjacent to The Players' Lounge. It's great working with women but I simply had to make myself scarce – it can be hard work!

TELL US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT AZURE...

As a company we specialise in catering at stadiums – we also have contracts at QPR, West Ham, Murrayfield, Salford Reds and some smaller clubs like Port Vale, Brentford and Oldham. We are a branch of the catering group Elio which looks after hospitals, the Ministry of Defence, railway stations – all sorts of different things. They're a French company who are massive in Europe and are building a very good reputation. Last year we signed a new five-year extension to our contract here at Forest.

I IMAGINE YOU CATER FOR THE PLAYERS IN A VERY DIFFERENT WAY TO YOUR CORPORATE CLIENTS...

Yes – your normal every-day punter isn't particularly bothered about the nutrition – you can cook with butter and oil! But when it comes to the players we are very strict. I have regular meetings with the sports scientists to ensure that we are stick to providing high carbs, low fat and normal protein. The player menus are very strict and regimental.

NON-MATCH-DAY HOSPITALITY SALES HAVE INCREASED IN RECENT YEARS. WHAT'S BEHIND THAT?

Non-match-day sales are our bread and butter really. That's what we're here for - to provide a service and increase revenue away from the football side of things. We put on a number of events such as darts evenings and Valentine's Day celebrations. Despite the current economic climate our sales have kept going up and up and that's thanks to us keeping ourselves fresh and taking price comparison very seriously. We have a lot of local competition so have to be careful in that respect. The best thing is that people are rebooking which is an excellent reflection on the service we provide.

THE CLUB IS HOSTING A YORKSHIRE THEME NIGHT IN THE ROBIN HOOD SUITE AGAINST HUDDERSFIELD - THAT SEEMS APT GIVEN YOUR ACCENT!

Yes, I'm a born-and-bred Yorkshireman. My accent has faded a little since moving to Nottingham but writing the menu for the Huddersfield game brought it all back. The theme menus work really well – we've had a curry night, a pie night and a Lancashire hot pot night – obviously that was a touchy subject for me but I just had to get on with it! It's good for my chefs because it gets us away from the usual match-day menus. It also gives me a chance to get my whites back on and do a bit of cooking myself!



INSIDE JOB

CATERING MANAGER

"The theme nights give me a chance to get my whites back on and do a bit of cooking myself!"

YOU'RE NOT ONLY A YORKSHIREMAN, BUT A LEEDS FAN AT THAT...

I was born just outside of Leeds and used to watch rugby league before becoming interested in football. Leeds were a huge club when I first began to take an interest in them but, like Forest, they have experienced a lot of bad times since then, none worse than last season's 7-3! My inbox was full, my phone was ringing off the hook – I had to keep a low profile after that. I've got four kids and my first boy, who I've already registered with West Bridgford Colts Under 7s, will be coming with me to the Huddersfield match at Elland Road. It's a rivalry which has recently been rekindled so I'll be giving Forest even more backing than usual against Huddersfield!



I SUPPOSE YOUR LOVE FOR LEEDS PLAYED A BIG PART IN YOUR DECISION TO SPONSOR FORMER ELLAND ROAD FAVOURITE JIMMY FLOYD HASSELBAINK WHEN HE WAS A COACH HERE?

Yes – it was a no-brainer really. It's my decision who we sponsor but I share the benefits among my staff as a 'thank you' to them. Having said that I was keen to take my turn to chat to him. He's a really nice guy – we sat down and talked for about half an hour (about Leeds of course!).



WHAT ARE THE BEST AND WORST THINGS ABOUT THE JOB?

I really miss being in the kitchen as much as I used to but my current role requires me to see things from every angle. The best thing is that I'm involved in football. Every day is different.

I used to say I'd only stay in the job for five years – I've been here ten so that says it all. It's a great place to work with great people and we have an excellent relationship with the club.



RED FIRST, LAST AND ONLYS

One of world football's most memorable 'firsts' unfolded 34 years ago this month when Trevor Francis joined us from Birmingham City in a ground-breaking £1m deal.

It was the first seven-figure transfer in the game – even though our manager Brian Clough tempted to play down the significance of the massive transfer fee.

He claimed the deal was only worth £999,999 to “stop Trevor getting big-headed”.

But in truth the deal, with Football League commission added on, totalled over the £1m mark.

Said Francis: “I was sitting down at home to watch England play Northern Ireland when Jim Smith, who was Birmingham manager at the time, rang to say he had agreed terms with Forest.

“Coventry also wanted to sign me and the offer they made was unbelievable but my reason for leaving Birmingham wasn't about money.

Q. Which player commanded the **first** seven figure transfer in football?

A. Trevor Francis

“Coventry were not much higher in the table and I was more interested in developing my career and winning things so I travelled to Nottingham to meet Brian Clough.

“I remember being excited about meeting him but when I sat in his office I wondered where he was. It turned out that he had another engagement – playing squash at Trent Bridge.”

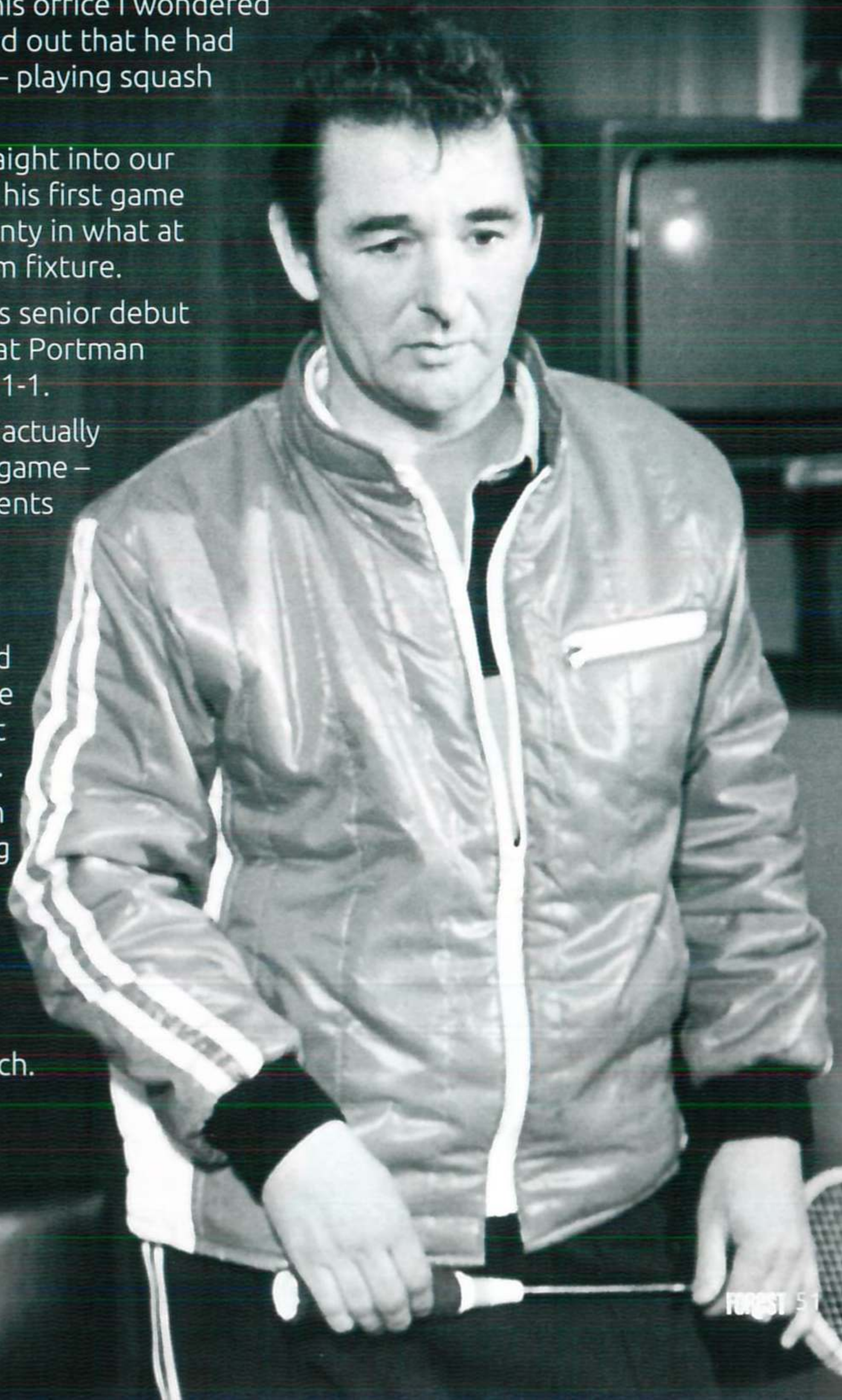
Francis didn't walk straight into our first team and, in fact, his first game was against Notts County in what at the time was an A team fixture.

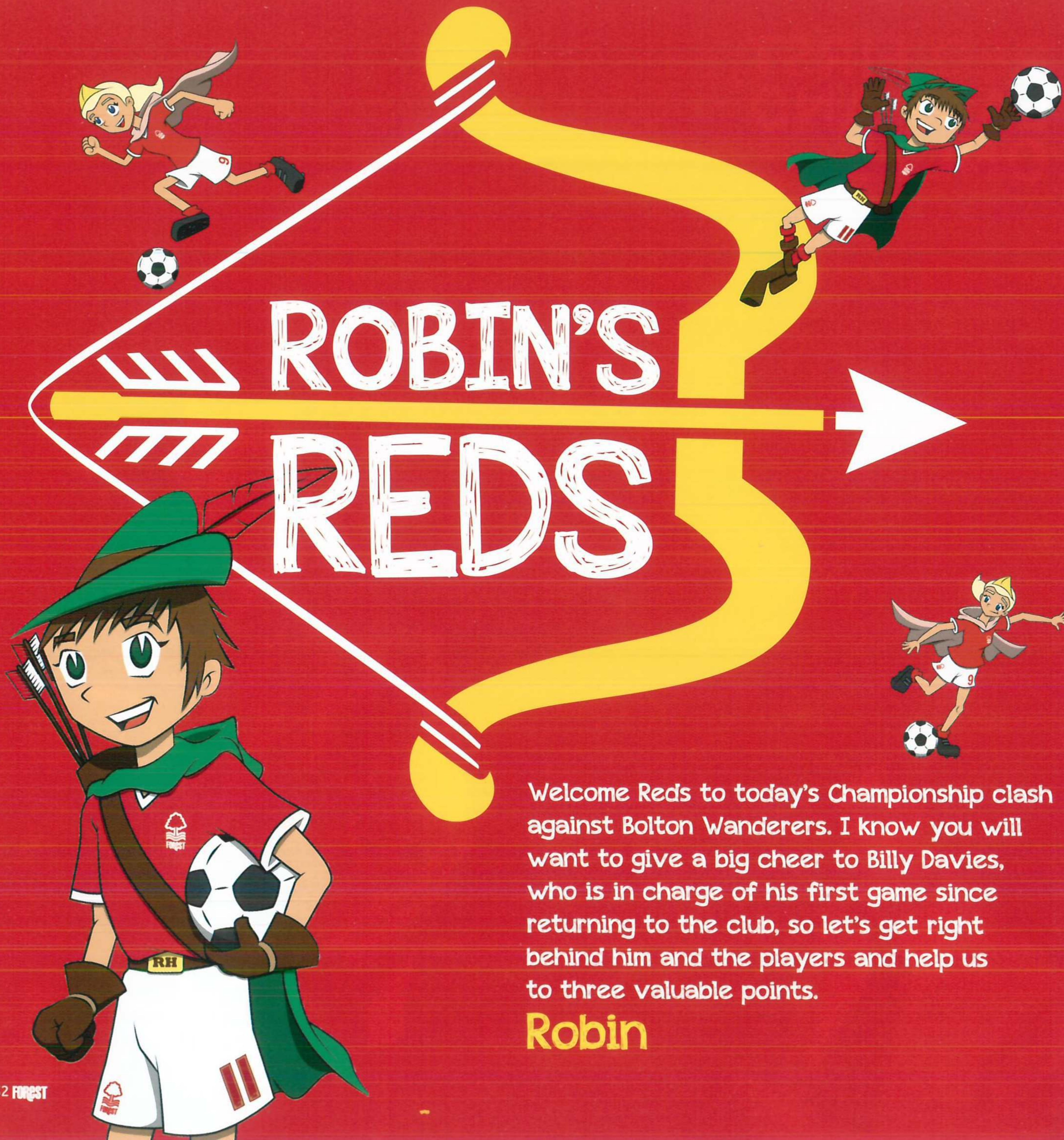
He eventually made his senior debut against Ipswich Town at Portman Road, where we drew 1-1.

Francis' first goal for us actually came for us in his sixth game – against today's opponents Bolton Wanderers.

It was scored in the last minute to earn us a 1-1 draw at The City Ground but he also scored in the next two games against Aston Villa and Chelsea.

And before the season was out he was scoring the most memorable goal of his career as we beat Swedish champions Malmo in the final of the European Cup in Munich.





Welcome Reds to today's Championship clash against Bolton Wanderers. I know you will want to give a big cheer to Billy Davies, who is in charge of his first game since returning to the club, so let's get right behind him and the players and help us to three valuable points.

Robin

BIRTHDAYS

Best wishes go to Amyrose Broughton, Emmet Finn and Patrick Reilly, who are celebrating their birthdays today.

Many happy returns to Sam Bignall, Callum Gill, George Edward Wilford and Benni Wilson whose birthdays were yesterday.

Tomorrow will see birthday celebrations for Robert Crook-Smith, James Fox, Harry Johnson, Toby Jake Lambert, Khayden Mills and Jacob Trindell.

I hope you all had – and have – fantastic birthdays and enjoy today's match.



A special welcome to today's home mascots Henry Beedham and Tiffany Brittan. Also a very big Forest welcome to today's away mascot Anthony Banks.

Henry is from Newark and goes to The Barnby Road Academy School. His hobbies are playing and watching football, athletics, golf, snooker and chess. Henry is a striker for Farndon Colts Under 10s, who are Division One League champions. He loves chocolate. His favourite TV show is Auction Hunters. Billy Sharp is his favourite player and he thinks we'll win 2-1 today.

Tiffany goes to College House Junior School. Her hobbies include cooking, playing the drums and football. Tiffany plays for Beeston Park Rangers and Riverside Colts Under 10s. Her favourite food is pizza and she likes watching Coronation Street. Tiffany's favourite player is Billy Sharp and she thinks today's score will be 3-1 to us.

Anthony goes to Anderton Primary School in Chorley. He enjoys playing football, cricket and annoying his dad. He is 10 years old and has size eight feet! Anthony loves pizza and watching The Simpsons. His favourite player is Stuart Holden and his score prediction is 2-1 to Bolton.

Fred takes pride of place

Fred Holmes turned 12 years old on Monday and comes from East Leake. He plays football for East Leake Bantams and is a season ticket-holder in the Upper Tier of Trent End.

Fred was selected as our official away mascot for the Derby game last month. He had a wonderful time and wanted to share his thoughts about his day with us. He told us:

"When I arrived, I was taken for a tour around the stadium, learnt about the Derby history and met Archie Gemmill."

"After that, I went into the dressing room and met all of the Forest players

and even Terry the kitman. They all signed my football and had my photo taken with them.

"I had a warm-up with the other mascots and then waited in the tunnel. Just before 1pm I led the team out with our captain Danny Collins."

"At half-time, I did a penalty shoot out with Rammie the Ram and scored all of them."

"I then watched the game and the great performance by Forest."

It sounds like you had a fantastic day Fred, I hope to see you at The City Ground today.



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It's well red

Lifelong Forest fan Richard Harrison continues his series in which he reviews the books that have provided a literary backdrop to our magnificent history – from 1865 through to the modern day.



Chapter 16

From Bo'ness To The Bernabeu – My Story

by John McGovern

John McGovern captained two European Cup-winning sides, won the League with two teams and worked several times with the best managerial partnership the English game has ever seen. But rather than The City Ground, Munich's Olympic Stadium or the Bernabeu in Madrid, his story starts at Deepdale, where McGovern's Horwich RMI won the Dairy Crest League Cup in 1985. He writes that he "wouldn't have swapped it for the world" and recalls telling team-mates who jokingly compared the victory to his European Cup wins: "It's a winner's medal, and that's all that matters".

This appreciation of the rewards on offer at grass roots level is a testimony to the fierce will to win he had even as a youngster, when he used to derive great pleasure from running everywhere, whether playing sport or not. This determination and stamina served him well as he made up for a comparatively late introduction to competitive football and an ungainly running style caused by a missing back muscle that McGovern knew nothing about until a medical examination in his time at Forest.

By then he was playing for his fourth different club under Brian Clough, whose first words to him were, "Stand up straight, get your shoulders back and get your hair cut – you look like a girl." His appearance was due to his obsession with music and, in particular, Mick Jagger and the Rolling Stones. Clough wouldn't have shared the youngster's musical taste, but he clearly saw something in him, which is more than could be said for some of the other managers and coaches McGovern recalls playing for.

McGovern had such trust in Clough that each time he linked up with him he signed his contract without reading it – at Derby he later discovered he was being paid exactly the same wage he had been getting a division lower at Hartlepool.

By the time he was 19, having been promoted with both clubs, McGovern had become the youngest player to figure in all four divisions.

Forest fans won't particularly enjoy reading about Derby winning the League, but McGovern's memories are full of entertaining details, such as the time he gave Leeds hardman Johnny Giles a taste of his own medicine. When Giles shouted, "You don't kick people!", McGovern replied, "I do now!"

McGovern's account of Derby's controversial European Cup semi final defeat against Juventus in 1973 will strike a chord with Reds fans who remember our being cheated out of the UEFA Cup Final in 1984. Equally fascinating is his take on the managerial duo's departure from the Baseball Ground – McGovern feels Clough "perhaps overstepped the mark with the chairman" and was "unwise and very hasty".

Unsurprisingly, Clough attempted to get him to join him at Brighton, but McGovern wasn't prepared to drop down to the old Third Division. After "a seven-month nightmare" at Leeds, he rejoined Clough at The City Ground. Things took off at the club when Taylor joined Clough in 1976 and McGovern recalls telling his team-mates it was now a matter of when Forest would get promoted, rather than if.

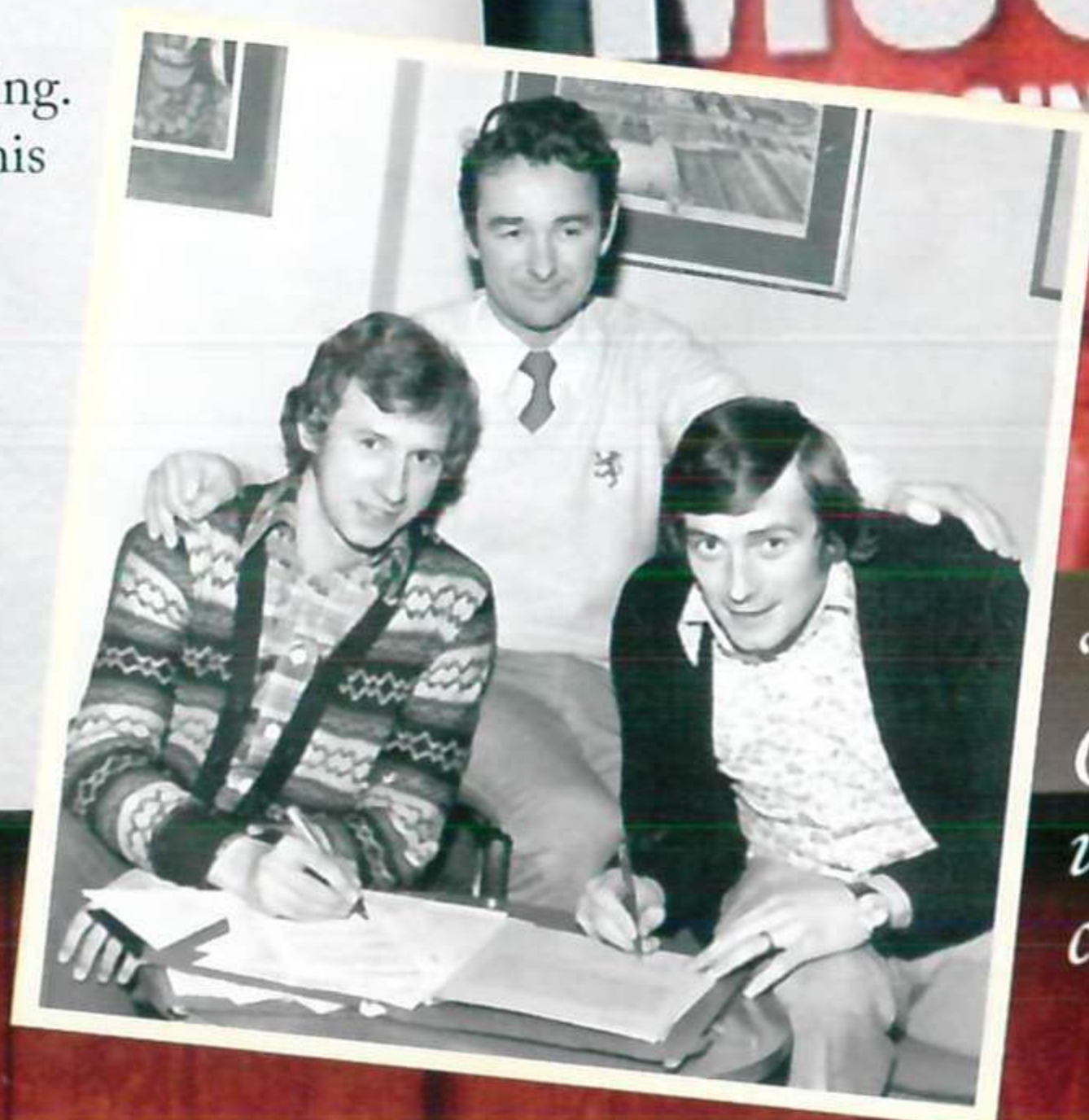
This, of course, proved to be true, though nobody foresaw Forest going on to win the 1978 Championship, which meant the players received no bonus for doing so. After the 4-0 spanking of Manchester United at Old Trafford, a press photographer arranged a picture of McGovern, Kenny Burns, Archie Gemmill and John Robertson in kilts, as Scotland manager Ally McLeod had said that all of Forest's Scottish stars would be in his World Cup squad. Unfortunately for McGovern, McLeod hadn't realised he was Scottish and he never got a full international cap. He is disappointed at this, but not bitter, graciously acknowledging the wealth of midfield options Scotland had at the time.

As you would expect, his recollections of the European glory years bring the era to life and frequently revolve around Clough. After Forest won the Super Cup on aggregate by drawing in front of 90,000 in the Nou Camp, Clough told McGovern he had played well, only to bring him back down to earth by adding, "In fact, you were our fourth best player!"

McGovern is perhaps at his most revealing when describing the criticism he would often receive from managers and supporters alike. Typically, rather than sulk he would throw his energies into working hard and constantly seeking to improve his game, an attitude many a modern player would do well to adopt. McGovern is aware that in teams of "stylish and talented" players he would often be a scapegoat if things didn't go to plan. He describes the odd run-in with Derby's "Pop Side", being "slaughtered" for 90 minutes playing for Leeds and getting abuse in his time at Forest.

It isn't just the player that such treatment affects, of course, and the distress caused is described by his long-term partner Anne in a chapter towards the end, along with the good times (and constant house moves) of the relatively low-key life of a 1970s WAG. Their rock musician son Alek also pens a brief tribute, describing his father as "hard working, honest, rocker at heart with an occasional Scottish temper".

These days, McGovern enjoys his radio work, match-day hosting at Forest and after-dinner speaking. He is grateful that people are interested in hearing his stories from what he considers to be "the greatest era of British football". He succinctly sums up his footballing and family lives by acknowledging that he has been lucky, quoting golfer Gary Player: "The more I practise, the luckier I get."



**FOREWORD BY
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REDS IN RETROSPECT

Club historian Don Wright continues his journey down memory lane

Pele, many say, coined the phrase 'the beautiful game' to describe football. But it was an English amateur defender who put it best. Football was a game 'hurtling with conflict yet passionate and beautiful in its art,' wrote Jolly Jack Priestley as long ago as 1929.

Bradford-born headmaster's son John Boynton (better known as J.B.) Priestley was one of the 20th century's leading men of letters. A pipe-smoking novelist and playwright, his broadcast talks during World War Two made him second only to Winston Churchill in popularity with radio listeners.

A full back on the field but a left winger off it, he influenced the politics of the time, upset Churchill, and supported the new Labour Government in 1945. He was also a founding member of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament in 1958.

Conflict, passion, beauty and art: the quote comes from the opening chapter of his prize-winning and best-known novel 'The Good Companions.'

Four years' later Priestley set out on 'An English Journey' to examine the state of the nation for another book. His travels brought him to Nottingham on Goose Fair Saturday, October 7 1933, and he went with two friends to The City Ground for the local 'derby' between Forest and Notts County.

And, yes, the mist really was rolling in from the Trent. It was also cold and drizzling with rain but we know from records that 23,828 supporters turned out.

"Sitting immediately in front of us was a party of two comfortable middle-aged women and a little elderly man who was like a mouse until some incident in the game roused him and then he barked fiercely," Priestley wrote. "The two women," he added, "were the oddest knowledgeable spectators of a football match I have ever seen. They remonstrated with the players by first name. It was as if the two teams had brought their two mothers with them."

Perhaps curiosity about his neighbours distracted him. Fine writer he may have been but a match reporter, never.

"Near us we had men who looked at one another with eyes shining with happiness when the County scored," he continued. "There were other men who bit their lips because the Forest seemed in danger."

Notts, in fact, never did score. And Forest won the game 2-0. It was our fifth successive win against the Magpies.



The goalscorers were our powerfully built centre forward Johnny Dent and quick and clever winger Arthur Masters. But the real strength of our side was the half back line of Billy McKinlay (uncle of 1959 FA Cup winner Bob McKinlay), England centre half Tommy Graham (left) (later club trainer under manager Billy Walker) and left half Jack Pugh. Jack toured Canada with a Welsh FA side and would have become a full international but for the selectors discovering that he had been born on the English side of the border.

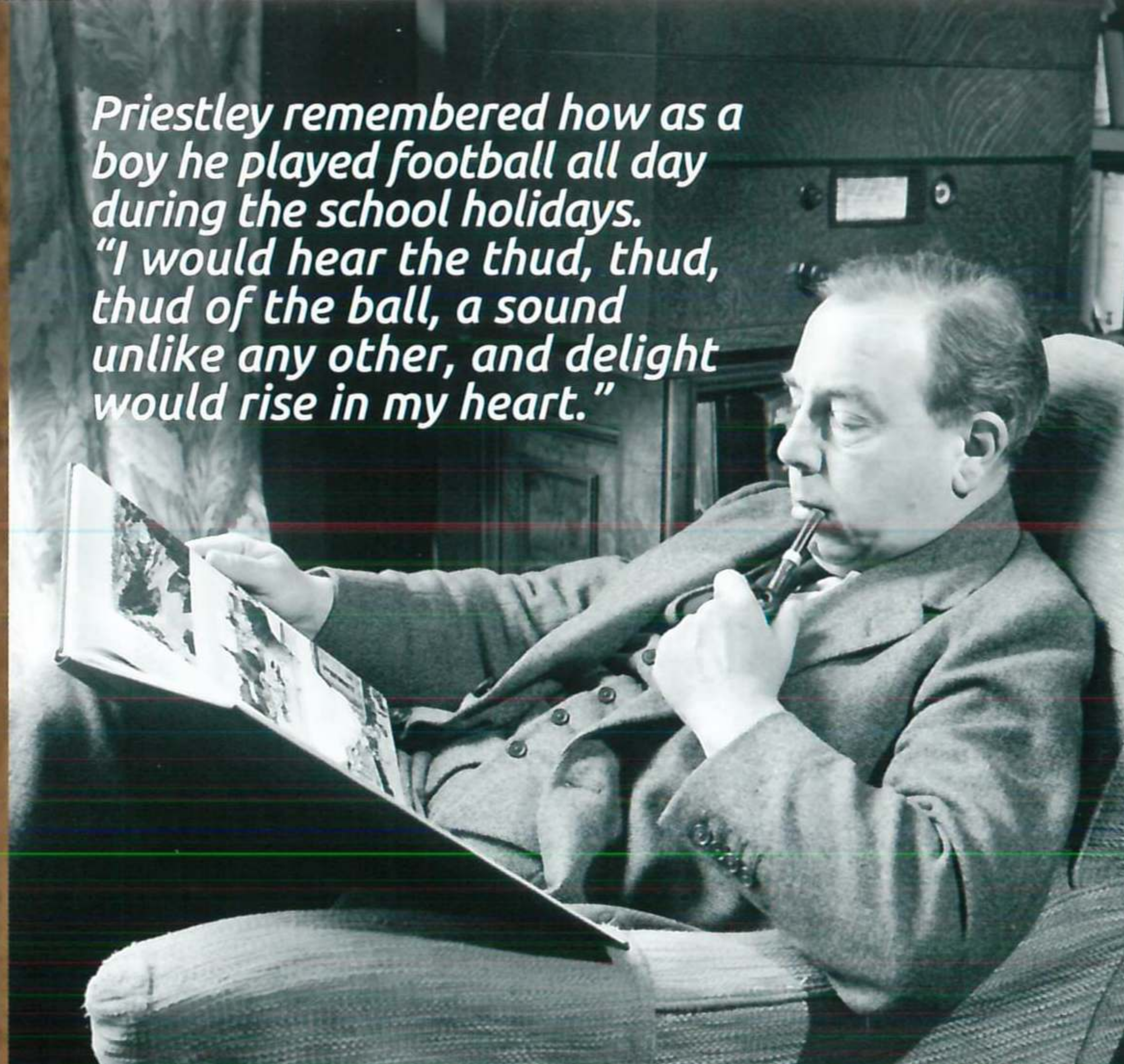
So Priestley got the score wrong. But on this occasion it was the crowd that interested him and he knew these fans well.

It was easy to understand why these crowds paid shillings they could sometimes badly afford to see professionals kick a ball about.

"They are not mere spectators in the sense of being idle and indifferent lookers-on," he wrote. "Though only vicariously, yet they run and leap and struggle and swear, are driven to despair, are raised to triumph; and there is thrust into their lives of monotonous tasks and grey streets an epic hour of colour and strife that is no more a mere matter of some other men's boots and a leather ball than a violin concerto is a mere matter of some other man's catgut and rosin."

Priestley remembered how as a boy he played football all day during the school holidays.

"I would hear the thud, thud, thud of the ball, a sound unlike any other, and delight would rise in my heart."



With the absurdities of financial interest, the player transfer system, betting and excessive media attention, "nearly everything possible has been done to spoil this game," he commented. "But the fact remains that it is not yet spoilt and it has gone out and conquered the world."

In another book 'Delight,' published in 1949, Priestley remembered how as a boy he played football all day during the school holidays. "I would hear the thud, thud, thud of the ball, a sound unlike any other, and delight would rise in my heart," he recalled.

Even hearing the sound now, as a "heavy ageing man," he would long to join in. Many of the boys he grew up with lost their lives in the mud of France. He served in the Army during the First World War and was wounded in 1916 by mortar fire.

Priestley understood football and its followers because he genuinely was one of us. But I also like this quote by Pope John Paul II: "Amongst all unimportant subjects, football is by far the most important."

Only a Frenchman and a philosopher would pronounce as did Jean-Paul Sartre: "In football everything is complicated by the presence of the opposite team."

An unlikely sage, England's 1966 World Cup hat-trick hero Geoff Hurst said profoundly: "Football is a game of tomorrows."

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Huddersfield Town

npower Championship
Tuesday February 19 2013
Kick-off 7.45pm
The City Ground

PRICES

General Sale

Adults £10
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*aged 65 years and above

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Saturday February 23 2013
Kick-off 3pm The Valley

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We have received an initial allocation of 1,528 reserved seat tickets located behind the goal in the Jimmy Seed South Stand. An additional allocation is available if required. Tickets, which are now on general sale, are restricted to one ticket per client reference number.

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Official Coach Travel

Coach travel will depart the Brian Clough Stand car park at 8.30am and is priced at £16.



Sheffield Wednesday

npower Championship
Saturday March 2 2013
Kick-off 5.20pm Hillsbrough

PRICES

Adults £28
Seniors* £17
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We have received an initial allocation of 2,000 reserved seat tickets located behind the goal in the Leppings Lane West Stand. An additional allocation is available if required. Tickets are on sale now to away membership holders and season tickets holders and are available to NFFC members at 9am on Wednesday February 20. Tickets are restricted to one ticket per client reference number. Should any tickets remain for general sale then supporters can purchase tickets from 9am on Saturday February 23.

Disabled supporters

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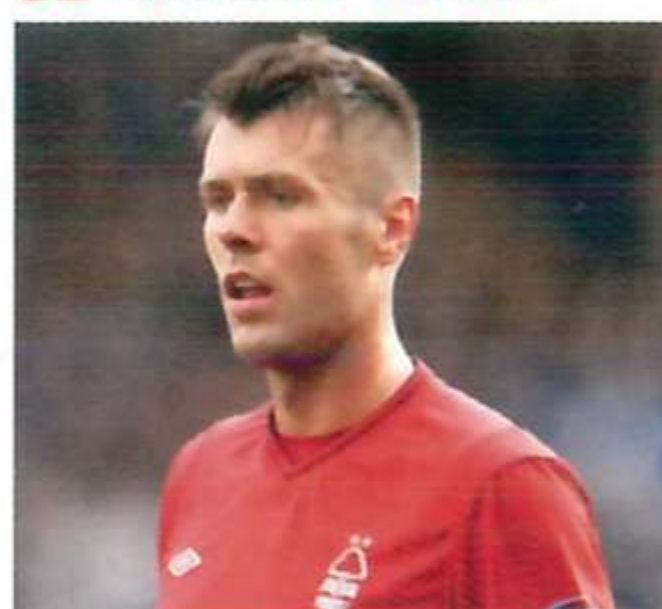
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Academy notes

Giving every quarter

Our youngsters reached the last eight of the FA Youth Cup for the second successive season with a 3-2 victory over Huddersfield at The City Ground.

Goals by strikers Derrick Otim and Morgan Ferrier built an unassailable lead and we can now look forward to a quarter final clash on home soil.

We began in clinical fashion as Otim claimed his first of the night after only two minutes.

He doubled the lead with the game still in its infancy but The Terriers reduced the deficit through Duane Holmes shortly afterwards.

Minutes later, Ferrier's header tempered their hopes but when Holmes notched his second with four minutes to play we had to remain defiant in order to see out the tie.

Lead professional development coach Gary Brazil said of the performance: "It was a longer night than I hoped it was going to be because I thought some of our first half play was excellent and much more in line with what I would expect from this group of players."



"I thought some of our passing was excellent, our movement was too much for Huddersfield to handle and the goals were just reward for some very good football."

"We got better supply into the front two. We moved the ball very quickly and Otim and Ferrier showed an ability to hold up the ball which allowed us to have second phases. We had some really strong all-round performances in the first half – we looked a good side."

"I was a bit disappointed with our second half performance but the most important thing was to get through and it's great that the lads have another opportunity to play at The City Ground."

At the time of writing we were waiting to discover our quarter final opponents – the victors of last night's match between Tottenham and Bolton.

Team: Durrant, Hollingsworth, Kamaneno, Blake, Gorman, Fenton, Gnahore, Wallace, Otim (Palmer-Samuels 82), Ferrier, Thomas (Mulraney 65). Subs not used: Ackroyd, Myles, Petravicius

Under 18s

Our 18s showed outstanding resilience to pull back a two-goal deficit to claim a point against Sheffield United in South Yorkshire.

Danny Elliott, Jake Mulraney and Jordan Palmer-Samuels all scored in a match we looked destined to lose with less than ten minutes left.

First blood went to the hosts who took the lead with a well-taken goal in the early stages.

We got ourselves back into the game when Elliott converted a 58th minute penalty but ended up 3-1 down with seven minutes remaining. But after Mulraney had given us hope Palmer-Samuels completed the comeback in injury time.

Professional development coach Steve Chettle said: "We didn't start brightly and were forced into a change on eight minutes when Ari Kamaneno picked up an injury.

"At the break we told them that they had to play in a more positive manner, which they did go on to do.

"They really went for it at the end and came out with a positive result."

Team: Myles, Sebastiao, Kelly (Worthington 81), Hollingsworth, Gorman, Ackroyd (Arrowsmith 45), Mulraney, Kamaneno (Otim 8), Elliott, Palmer-Samuels, Thomas.
Subs not used: Durrant, Adams

Under 21s

Our Under 21s suffered a late blow in their match against Sheffield United, which ended in a 1-1 draw at The Nigel Doughty Academy on Monday.

Adam N'Kusu Landu's (right) spectacular overhead kick gave us the lead but with eight minutes to play Aaron Barry levelled to deny us all three points.



Chances were few and far between in the first half and the main incident of note came in the form of a late challenge on our full back Peter Gregory, who departed on crutches.

The second half began brightly with both sides enjoying chances, but we took the lead on the hour when N'Kusu Landu showed outstanding athleticism to convert Osborn's cross from the left.

Our lead was questioned in the latter stages when Kieran Fenton conceded a penalty, but it appeared as though we had averted the danger when Elliott Widehouse stroked his effort wide from the spot.

But minutes later Barry popped up at the back post from a corner to claim The Blades' share of the spoils.

Team: Evtimov, Gregory (Hollingsworth 32), Andrews, Blake, Fenton, Regan, Gnahore (Nyoni 75), Wallace, N'Kusu Landu, Ferrier, Osborn. Subs not used: Myles, Gorman, Otim

Under 18 Fixtures

Date	Fixture	H/A	K.O	RES
AUG				
Sat 18	Barnsley	H	11.00	5-1
Sat 25	Leeds United	A	12noon	2-2
SEPT				
Sat 1	Coventry City	H	11.00	1-0
Sat 15	Birmingham City	H	11.00	0-1
Sat 22	Derby County	A	11.00	3-1
Sat 29	Sheffield United	H	11.00	2-2
OCT				
Sat 6	Leicester City	A	11.00	3-1
Sat 20	Wigan Athletic	H	12noon	2-0
Sat 27	Crewe Alexandra	A	11.00	6-2
NOV				
Sat 3	Barnsley	A	11.00	3-2
Sat 17	Huddersfield	H	11.30	4-1
DEC				
Sat 1	Coventry City	A	11.00	1-0
JAN				
Sat 12	Sheffield Wed	H	11.00	2-1
Sat 26	Birmingham City	A	11.00	0-1
FEB				
Sat 9	Sheffield United	A	11.00	2-2
Sat 23	Leicester City	H	11.00	
MAR				
Sat 2	Wigan Athletic	A	12noon	
Sat 9	Crewe Alexandra	H	11.00	
Sat 16	Huddersfield	A	11.30	
Sat 30	Leeds United	H	12noon	
APR				
Sat 6	Sheffield Wed	A	11.00	
Sat 13	Derby County	H	11.00	

Under 21 Fixtures

Date	Fixture	H/A	K.O	RES
AUG				
Mon 20	Barnsley	A	1pm	2-1
Mon 27	Leeds United	H	1pm	2-3
SEPT				
Mon 3	Coventry City	A	1pm	2-0
Mon 17	Birmingham City	A	1pm	1-2
OCT				
Mon 1	Sheffield United	A	1pm	1-1
Tue 9	Leicester City	H	2pm	0-2
Mon 22	Wigan Athletic	A	11.00	0-5
NOV				
Mon 5	Barnsley	H	2pm	2-0
Tue 13	Derby	H	2pm	2-1
Tue 20	Huddersfield	A	1pm	1-4
Mon 26	Crewe Alexandra	H	1pm	0-0
DEC				
Mon 3	Coventry City	H	2pm	1-0
JAN				
Sat 12	Sheffield Wed	A	11.00	3-0
Mon 28	Birmingham City	H	2pm	0-1
FEB				
Mon 11	Sheffield United	H	1pm	1-1
Sat 23	Leicester City	A	2pm	
MAR				
Mon 4	Wigan Athletic	H	1pm	
Wed 13	Crewe Alexandra	A	7pm	
Tue 19	Huddersfield	H	1pm	
APR				
Tue 2	Leeds United	A	1pm	
Mon 8	Sheffield Wed	H	1pm	
Wed 17	Derby County	A	1pm	

2012-13 fixtures & stats

 Booking  Sent off    Substitutions

DATE	FIXTURE	K.O.	RES	ATT	AWAY	STARTING ELEVEN							
AUGUST													
Mon 13	Fleetwood Town Rd1	7.45	1-0	3,611	1,060	Darlow	Moloney	Ayala	Collins	Harding	Halford	McGugan	Guedioura
Sat 18	Bristol City	3.00	1-0	21,575	1,201	Camp	Moloney	Halford	Collins	Harding	Gillett	McGugan	Guedioura
Tue 21	Huddersfield Town	7.45	1-1	15,434	2,274	Camp	Moloney	Halford	Collins	Harding	Gillett	McGugan	Guedioura
Fri 24	Bolton Wanderers	7.45	2-2	17,321	1,366	Camp	Moloney	Halford	Collins	Harding	Gillett	McGugan	Guedioura
Tue 28	Wigan Athletic Rd2	7.45	1-4	7,545	250	Camp	Halford	Ayala	Collins	Harding	Gillett	Moussi	Cohen
SEPTEMBER													
Sat 1	Charlton Athletic	3.00	2-1	19,745	1,067	Camp	Hutchinson	Ayala	Collins	Halford	Gillett	McGugan	Guedioura
Sat 15	Birmingham City	3.00	2-2	22,738	2,021	Camp	Hutchinson	Ayala	Collins	Halford	Gillett	McGugan	Guedioura
Tue 18	Crystal Palace	8.00	1-1	13,153	1,821	Camp	Hutchinson	Ayala	Collins	Harding	Halford	Gillett	McGugan
Sat 22	Leeds United	3.00	1-2	24,292	2,448	Camp	Halford	Ayala	Collins	Harding	Gillett	Moussi	Coppinger
Sun 30	Derby County	1.15	0-1	28,707	4,389	Camp	Halford	Ayala	Collins	Harding	Gillett	McGugan	Cohen
OCTOBER													
Wed 3	Blackburn Rovers	7.45	0-0	18,748	1,158	Camp	Halford	Ayala	Collins	Harding	Gillett	McGugan	Cohen
Sat 6	Peterborough United	3.00	1-0	10,469	3,262	Camp	Halford	Ayala	Collins	Harding	Gillett	McGugan	Cohen
Sat 20	Cardiff City	3.00	3-1	21,491	1,856	Camp	Halford	Ayala	Collins	Harding	Gillett	Guedioura	Cohen
Tue 23	Blackpool	8.00	2-2	13,228	1,305	Camp	Halford	Ayala	Collins	Harding	Gillett	Majewski	Cohen
Sat 27	Barnsley	3.00	4-1	10,186	2,217	Camp	Halford	Moloney	Collins	Harding	Gillett	Majewski	Cohen
NOVEMBER													
Sat 3	Millwall	3.00	1-4	24,160	707	Camp	Moloney	Ward	Collins	Harding	Gillett	Majewski	Cohen
Tue 6	Middlesbrough	7.45	0-0	20,150	1,167	Camp	Halford	Ward	Collins	Harding	Gillett	Guedioura	Cohen
Sat 10	Leicester City	12.45	2-2	24,793	1,895	Camp	Halford	Ward	Collins	Moloney	Gillett	Guedioura	Cohen
Sat 17	Sheffield Wednesday	3.00	1-0	24,584	4,405	Camp	Halford	Ward	Collins	Moloney	Gillett	Jenas	Cohen
Sat 24	Wolves	3.00	2-1	22,527	2,540	Camp	Hutton	Ward	Collins	Harding	Gillett	Guedioura	Cohen
Tue 27	Ipswich Town	7.45	1-3	16,200	787	Camp	Hutton	Ward	Collins	Harding	Gillett	Guedioura	Cohen
DECEMBER													
Sat 1	Hull City	3.00	1-2	19,472	1,740	Camp	Hutton	Ward	Collins	Harding	Gillett	Guedioura	Cohen
Sat 8	Burnley	3.00	2-0	19,672	926	Camp	Hutton	Ward	Collins	Harding	Gillett	McGugan	Lansbury
Sat 15	Brighton	3.00	0-0	26,684	1,860	Camp	Hutton	Ayala	Collins	Harding	Moussi	Guedioura	Cohen
Sat 22	Watford	3.00	0-2	15,143		Camp	Hutton	Ayala	Collins	Harding	Ward	Moussi	Cohen
Wed 26	Leeds United	12.15	4-2	26,670	3,235	Camp	Hutton	Ward	Collins	Halford	Majewski	Guedioura	Cohen
Sat 29	Crystal Palace	3.00	2-2	23,703	1,800	Camp	Halford	Ward	Collins	Harding	Majewski	Guedioura	Cohen
JANUARY													
Tue 1	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	0-3	15,490	1,991	Camp	Halford	Ayala	Collins	Harding	Moussi	Guedioura	Lansbury
Sat 5	Oldham Athletic Rd3	3.00	2-3	11,293	2,841	Camp	Halford	Moloney	Collins	Harding	Gillett	Majewski	Cohen
Sat 12	Peterborough United	3.00	2-1	22,777	1,636	Darlow	Jara Reyes	Ward	Halford	Harding	Gillett	Majewski	Cohen
Sat 19	Derby County	1.00	1-1	33,010	4,096	Darlow	Jara Reyes	Ward	Collins	Halford	Gillett	Majewski	Cohen
Sat 26	Watford	3.00	0-3	20,732	1,754	Darlow	Jara Reyes	Ward	Collins	Halford	Gillett	Lansbury	Cohen
FEBRUARY													
Sat 2	Birmingham City	3.00	1-2	17,738	1,963	Darlow	Jara Reyes	Halford	Collins	Harding	Moussi	Lansbury	Cohen
Sat 9	Bristol City	3.00	0-2	13,768	1,405	Darlow	Jara Reyes	Halford	Collins	Harding	Majewski	Guedioura	Cohen
Sat 16	Bolton Wanderers	3.00											
Tue 19	Huddersfield Town	7.45											
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Sat 4	Leicester City	12.45											

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substitute appearance in brackets

Nottingham Forest 0

Watford 3

Vydra 20, 72, Deeney 34

For the second time in five weeks we were undone by an impressive Watford side inspired by the striking talents of Czech Republic international Matej Vydra.

The 20 year old front runner scored twice – as he did against us at Vicarage Road in December – but not only that, it was the fifth successive game he had produced a two-goal contribution.

He and co-striker Troy Deeney provided all of Watford's goals and were a threat that we found difficult to contain all afternoon.

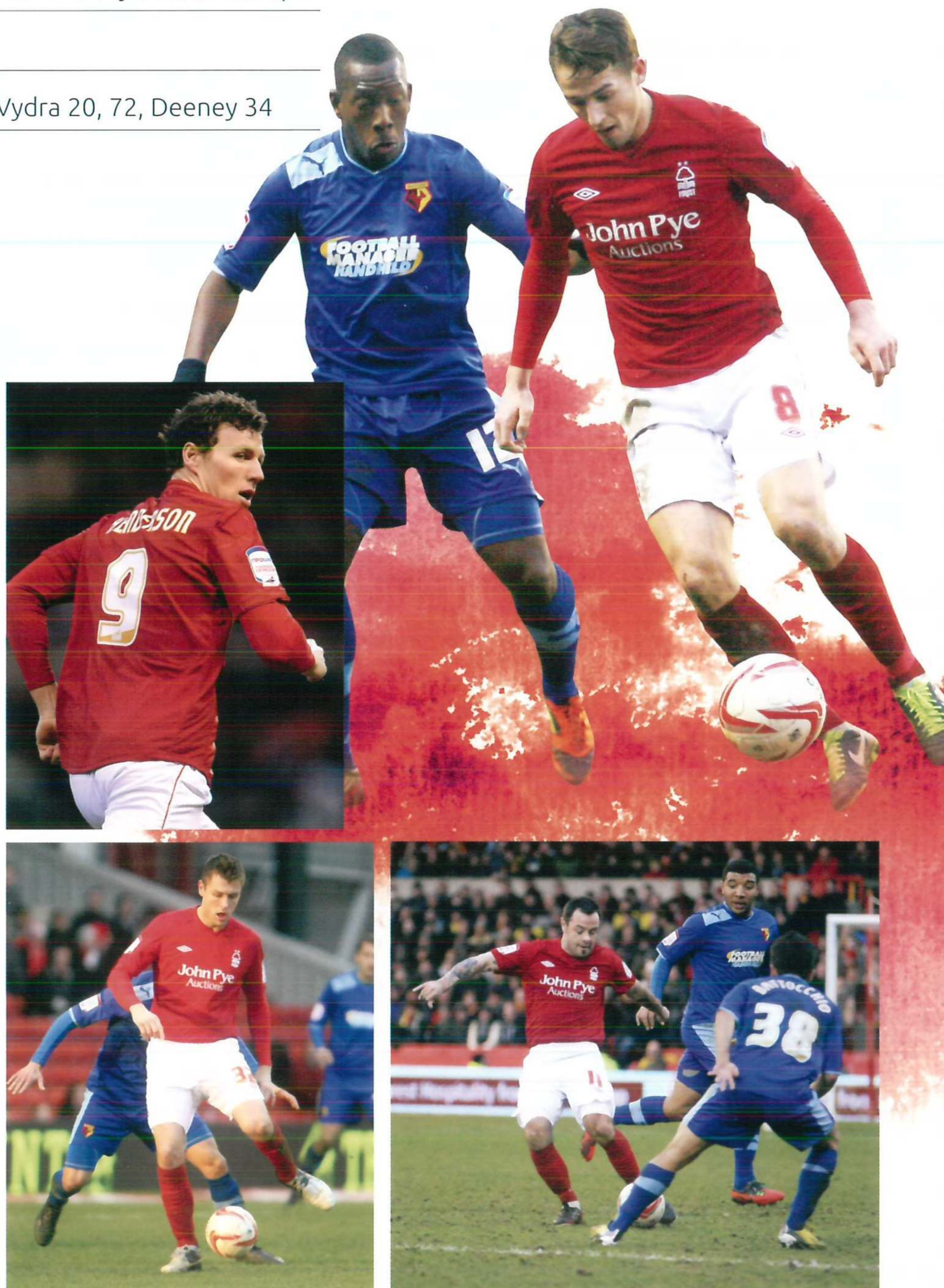
Vydra gave Watford the lead after 19 minutes when he converted a cross from Deeney after Nathaniel Chalobah had opened up our defence.

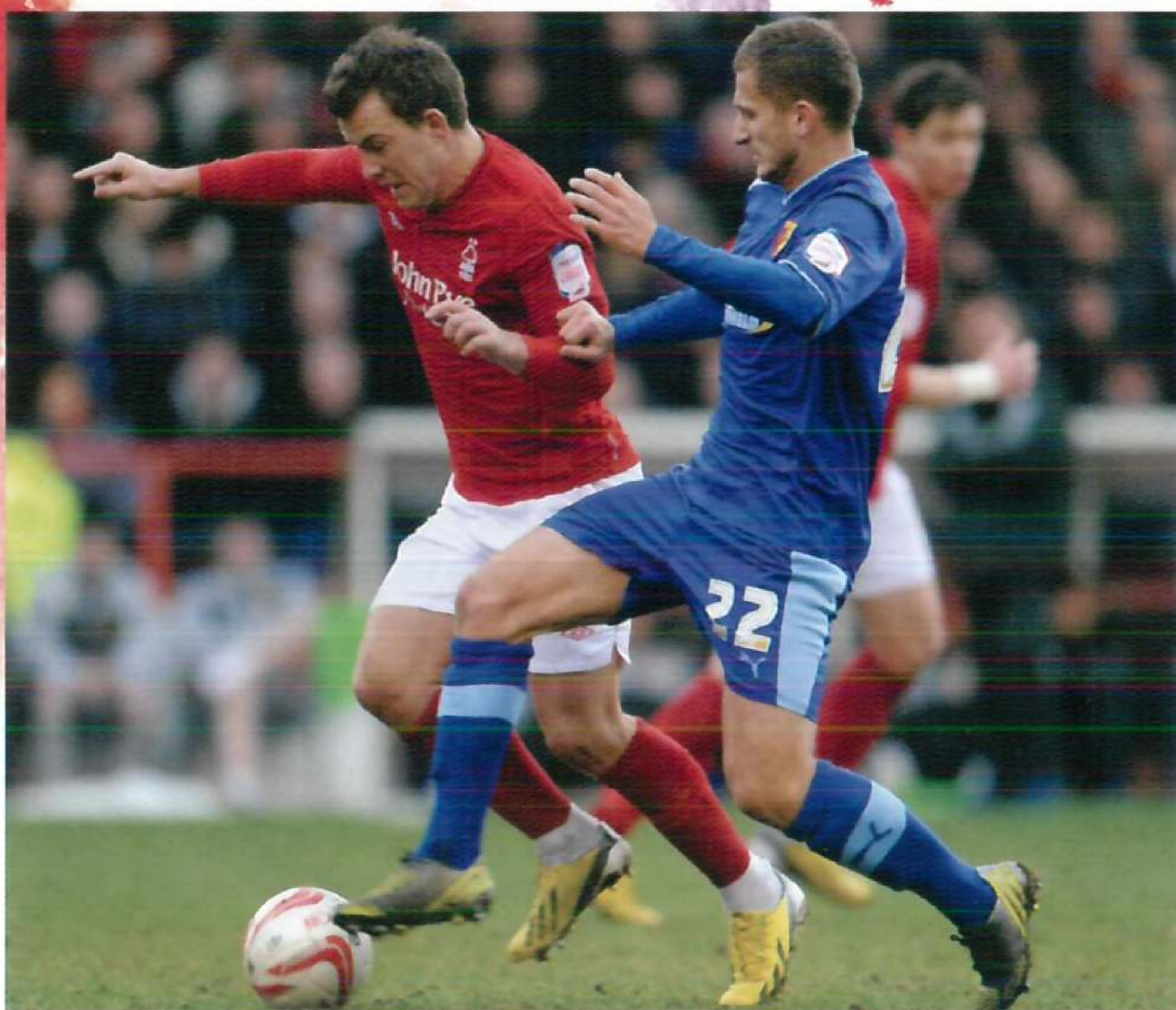
And in the 33rd minute Vydra repaid the compliment when he set up Deeney after Chalobah had started the move with a long ball from the back.

Dexter Blackstock twice threatened to give us a foothold in the game, most notably when he powered a header fractionally wide from Chris Cohen's cross just after half-time.

But there was always menace in Watford's attacks with Vydra, who saw a free-kick flash inches wide, at the heart of the visitors' attacks.

And in the 71st minute he ruled out any hopes of us getting something from the contest when Abdi put him through and despite the attentions of the on-rushing Karl Darlow, Vydra lifted the ball into an empty net.





"We knew it was going to be a tough game but we were disappointed with the goals and the way we conceded them. From front to back we weren't quite at it and we were punished for it."

Alex McLeish

Forest: Darlow, Jara Reyes, Ward, Collins, Halford, Gillett (Reid 46), Cohen, Lansbury, Cox (Majewski 61), Blackstock (Henderson 77), Sharp. *Subs not used:* Evtimov, Harding, McGugan, Greening

Watford: Almunia, Deeney, Doyley, Pudil, Vydra, Abdi, Cassetti (Hall 69), Nosworthy, Battocchio (Hogg 78), Chalobah (Yeates 86), Ekstrand. *Subs not used:* Bond, Eustace, Geijo, Forestieri

Att: 20,732 Away: 1,754

 **Forest**
Cox 51

 **Watford**
Doyley 26, Chalobah 36

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A winning start to the year

I'm pleased to announce that Chris Cohen has won January's Mercure Player of the Month award. The midfielder picked up his second award of the season with 27 per cent of the votes. He took over as captain for our home win over Peterborough and then scored the opener in the East Midlands Derby at Pride Park. Karl Darlow was runner-up and Radi Majewski was third.

Congratulations to Chris, who has won an overnight stay at a Mercure Hotel in London.

The winning fan, selected at random from those who voted for Chris, was Craig Spiby and he won an overnight stay at the Mercure Nottingham. He will also present Chris with his award at the Nigel Doughty Academy.

Keep your eye on www.nottinghamforest.co.uk for news on how to vote for February's Mercure Player of the Month.

MATCH BALL SPONSOR

I would like to welcome today's Match Ball Sponsors, the Nottingham University Hospital, as they promote their 'be a hero' campaign and encourage people to join the Organ Donor Register.

We are very proud to be supporting the campaign because joining the Organ Donor Register is quick, simple and can make a real difference to people's lives. Organ donation is not something you tend to think about, unless it directly affects you. However, if you ever needed a transplant you know that you would be grateful to those people who have signed up and joined the register. If you feel the same way, please join up today.

I would like to welcome Jack Adlam and his guests to today's game, and hope they have a memorable time.



Please give a warm welcome to a true Forest legend Des Walker, who returns to The City Ground as the VIP guest for today's game.

The iconic centre back, who made over 200 appearances for us in two hugely successful spells on Trentside, remains a cult hero among supporters of all ages.

Des will be on hand to take part in what is sure to be a fascinating question and answer session before the game in all the hospitality areas and I hope he thoroughly enjoys his return to The City Ground.

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I'd like to warmly welcome John Fawcett and all his guests and hope they have a wonderful day with us.

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A GAME OF TWO HALVES

On Tuesday March 5 we will be teaming up with the Nottinghamshire Golf and Country Club and the Invest in Nottingham Club to offer fans the chance of an action-packed thriller of a day.

The day will start in the morning with a fourball game around the Masters Course, followed by supper at The City Ground and hospitality tickets for the Forest v Ipswich Town evening game (7.45pm, kick-off).



For £400 per fourball you will get:

- Coffee and bacon sandwiches on arrival at The Nottinghamshire Golf and Country Club
- 18 holes on the Masters Course
- Pie and chips for supper
- Four tickets to watch Forest v Ipswich in Castle Club hospitality

There are a limited number of 18 teams available on a first come, first served basis. To book a place or for further information on sponsorship opportunities contact Lorraine Baggs on 0115 876 4469 or email lorraine@investinnottingham.co.uk.

PROGRAMME SPONSORS

We welcome today's programme sponsors The Sun. In the gloomy month of February "The Sun Smile Squad" tour the UK and carry out a series of random acts of kindness the public are least expecting.

At today's game they will be handing out red branded gloves to our fans as they arrive at The City Ground. We would like to thank The Sun for choosing the game for their campaign.



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For the evening games against Huddersfield Town next Tuesday and Ipswich Town on Tuesday March 5 the Robin Hood Suite will be hosting theme nights.

It's a 'Yorkshire night' for the match against Huddersfield and a 'curry night' for the Ipswich game.

A ticket costs just £50 plus VAT and includes:

- Two-course meal from the Robin Hood Suite
- Seat in the Main Stand
- Opportunity to meet the current Forest players after the game
- Forest legend as your host for the night
- Reserved personalised table for the whole night
- Opportunity to pre-order half-time and full-time drinks
- Complimentary programme and priority team sheet
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- Hospitality car parking (subject to availability and additional cost)

For more information, or if you would like to book this, or any other hospitality, sponsorship or advertising package, please call Simon on 0115 982 4450 or email simon.fotheringham@nottinghamforest.co.uk.



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Nottingham Forest in the Community



Girls up for the cup

The nPower Football League Girl's regional cup final, hosted by Nottingham Forest in the Community, took place at Gresham Sports Park last month. Teams representing Forest, Notts County, Derby County, Leicester City, Chesterfield, Rotherham United, Scunthorpe United, Doncaster Rovers, Sheffield United and Sheffield Wednesday took part. Each team had previously won their local tournament and were given the opportunity to represent their local professional club.

From the first whistle the tournament was competitive and showcased some great girls' football. The girls showed a great attitude and respect for each other and while every team played their hardest to win, lots of great fun was had by all.

Following a hard fought round robin league format, Leicester, Sheffield United, Derby and Notts made it through to the semi finals. Forest were represented by Nottingham Emmanuel School and although they gave it everything they just missed out on a last four spot.

It eventually came down to a nerve-racking grand final between Derby and Sheffield United. With the score 0-0 deep into extra time, penalties seemed inevitable, until a piece of good fortune saw Derby's late shot deflected into the bottom corner out of the reach of the despairing goalkeeper. So Derby went through to the national finals.

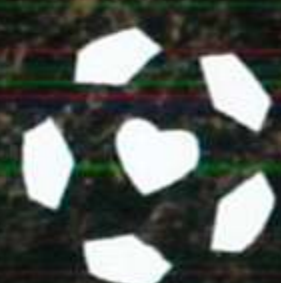
Our thanks go to Emmanuel, who were a credit to their school, and to Forest.

Reds skipper Danny Collins was on hand to meet the teams and we thank him for his support for Forest in the Community.



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15	Greg Halford	☐
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Today's Championship fixtures

Cardiff City v Bristol City
Birmingham v Watford
Burnley v Huddersfield
Crystal Palace v Middlesbrough
Derby County v Wolves
Hull City v Charlton Athletic
Ipswich Town v Blackpool



Today's officials

Referee: K Stroud

Assistant Referees: D Ford  G Taylor 

Fourth Official: D Benton

Today's result

	H/T	F/T	Attendance
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Bolton	☐	☐	

Next visitors

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